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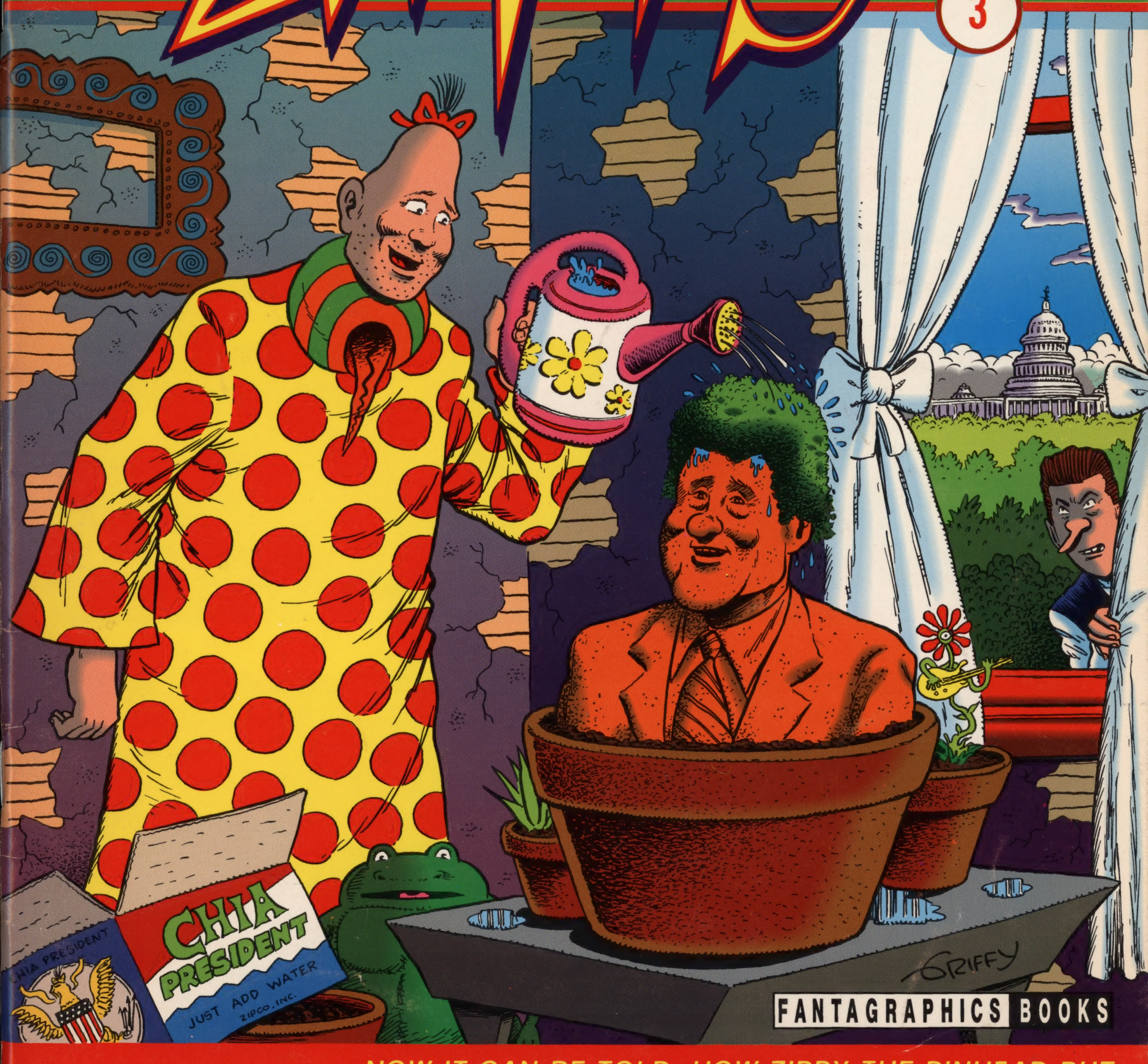
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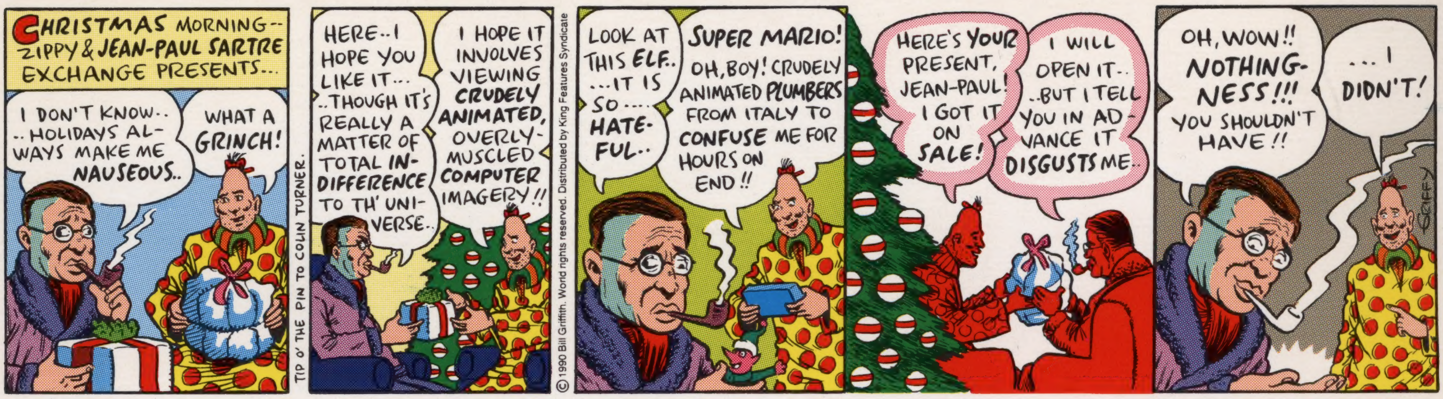
CHRISTMAS MORNING-- ZIPPY & JEAN-PAUL SARTRE EXCHANGE PRESENTS...
I DON'T KNOW.. ..HOLIDAYS ALWAYS MAKE ME NAUSEOUS..
WHAT A GRINCH!
HERE..I HOPE YOU LIKE IT... ..THOUGH IT'S REALLY A MATTER OF TOTAL INDIFFERENCE TO TH' UNIVERSE..
I HOPE IT INVOLVES VIEWING CRUDELY ANIMATED, OVERLY-MUSCLED COMPUTER IMAGERY!!
TIP O' THE PIN TO COLIN TURNER.
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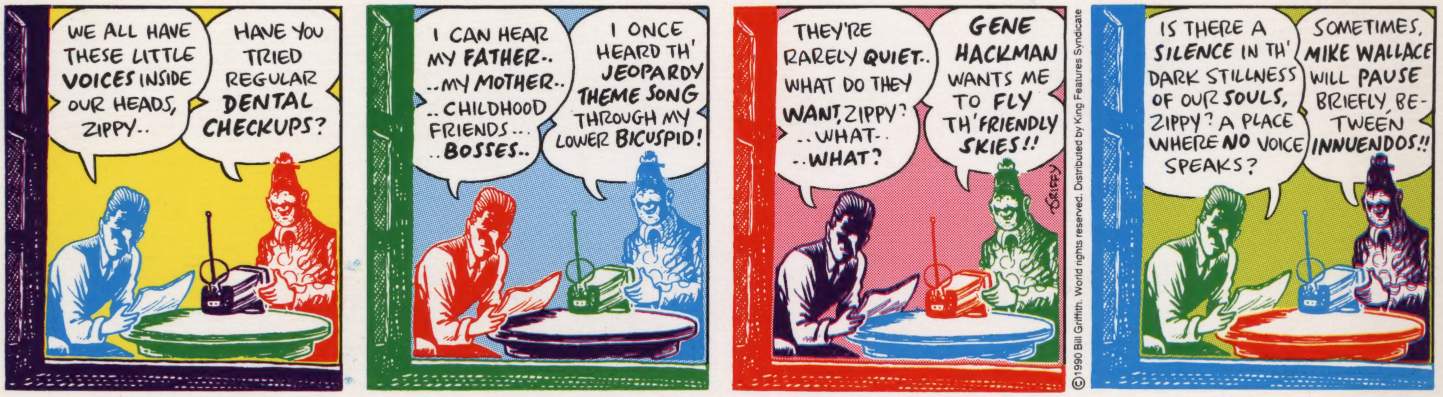
LOOK AT THIS ELF.. ...IT IS SO.... HATEFUL..
SUPER MARIO! OH, BOY! CRUDELY ANIMATED PLUMBERS FROM ITALY TO CONFUSE ME FOR HOURS ON END!!
HERE'S YOUR PRESENT, JEAN-PAUL! I GOT IT ON SALE!
I WILL OPEN IT.. ..BUT I TELL YOU IN ADVANCE IT DISGUSTS ME..
OH, WOW!! NOTHINGNESS!!! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!!
...I DIDN'T!
GRIFFY


WE ALL HAVE THESE LITTLE VOICES INSIDE OUR HEADS, ZIPPY..
HAVE YOU TRIED REGULAR DENTAL CHECKUPS?
I CAN HEAR MY FATHER.. ..MY MOTHER.. ..CHILDHOOD FRIENDS... ..BOSSES..
I ONCE HEARD TH' JEOPARDY THEME SONG THROUGH MY LOWER BICUSPID!
THEY'RE RARELY QUIET.. WHAT DO THEY WANT, ZIPPY? ..WHAT.. ..WHAT?
GENE HACKMAN WANTS ME TO FLY TH' FRIENDLY SKIES!!
GRIFFY
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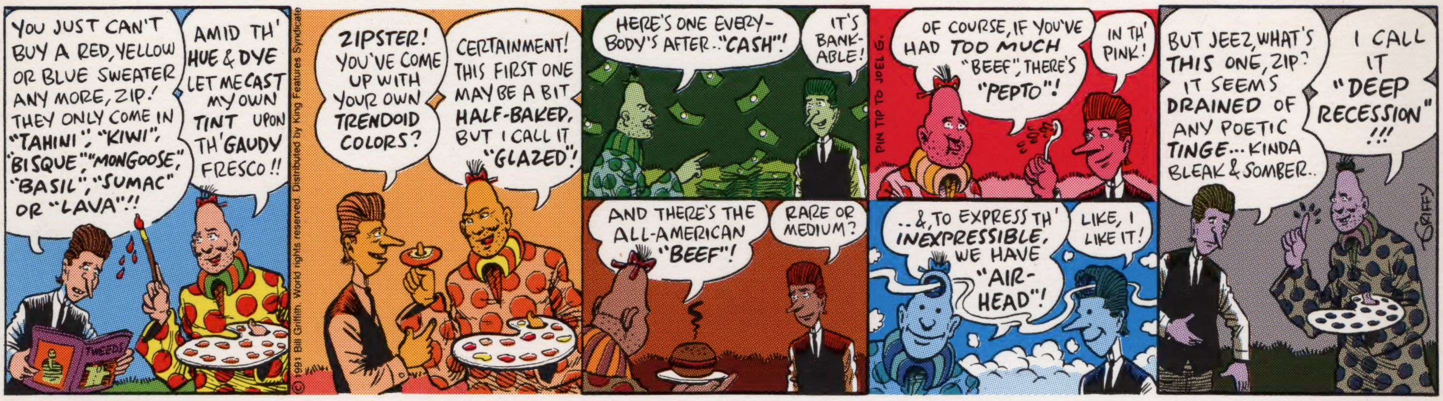
IS THERE A SILENCE IN TH' DARK STILLNESS OF OUR SOULS, ZIPPY? A PLACE WHERE NO VOICE SPEAKS?
SOMETIMES, MIKE WALLACE WILL PAUSE BRIEFLY, BETWEEN INNUENDOS!!


YOU JUST CAN'T BUY A RED, YELLOW OR BLUE SWEATER ANY MORE, ZIP! THEY ONLY COME IN "TAHINI", "KIWI", "BISQUE", "MONGOOSE", "BASIL", "SUMAC" OR "LAVA"!!
AMID TH' HUE & DYE LET ME CAST MY OWN TINT UPON TH' GAUDY FRESCO!!
TWEED!
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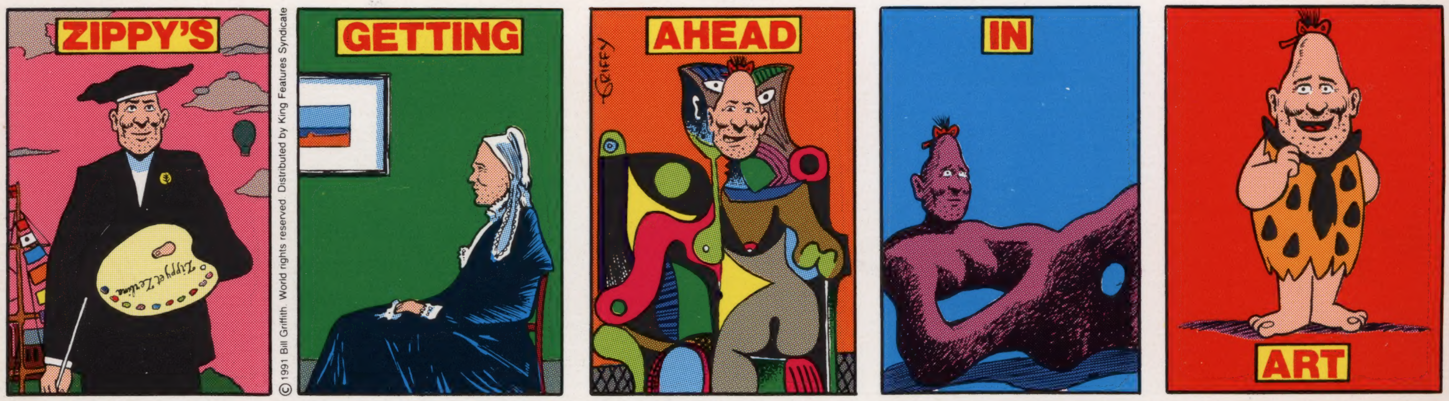
ZIPSTER! YOU'VE COME UP WITH YOUR OWN TRENDOID COLORS?
CERTAINMENT! THIS FIRST ONE MAY BE A BIT HALF-BAKED, BUT I CALL IT "GLAZED"!
HERE'S ONE EVERYBODY'S AFTER.."CASH"!
IT'S BANKABLE!
AND THERE'S THE ALL-AMERICAN "BEEF"!
RARE OR MEDIUM?
PIN TIP TO JOEL G.
OF COURSE, IF YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH "BEEF", THERE'S "PEPTO"!
IN TH' PINK!
..&, TO EXPRESS TH' INEXPRESSIBLE, WE HAVE "AIR-HEAD"!
LIKE, I LIKE IT!
BUT JEEZ, WHAT'S THIS ONE, ZIP? IT SEEMS DRAINED OF ANY POETIC TINGE... KINDA BLEAK & SOMBER..
I CALL IT "DEEP RECESSION"!!!
GRIFFY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AHEAD
IN
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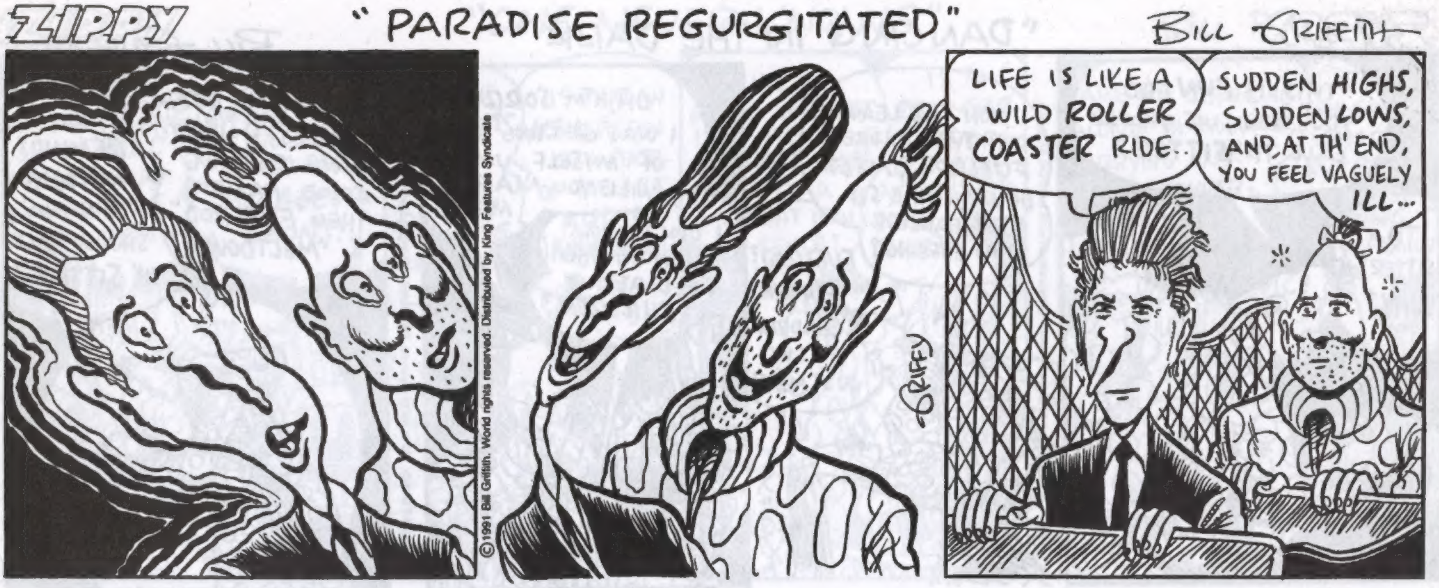
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"PARADISE REGURGITATED"
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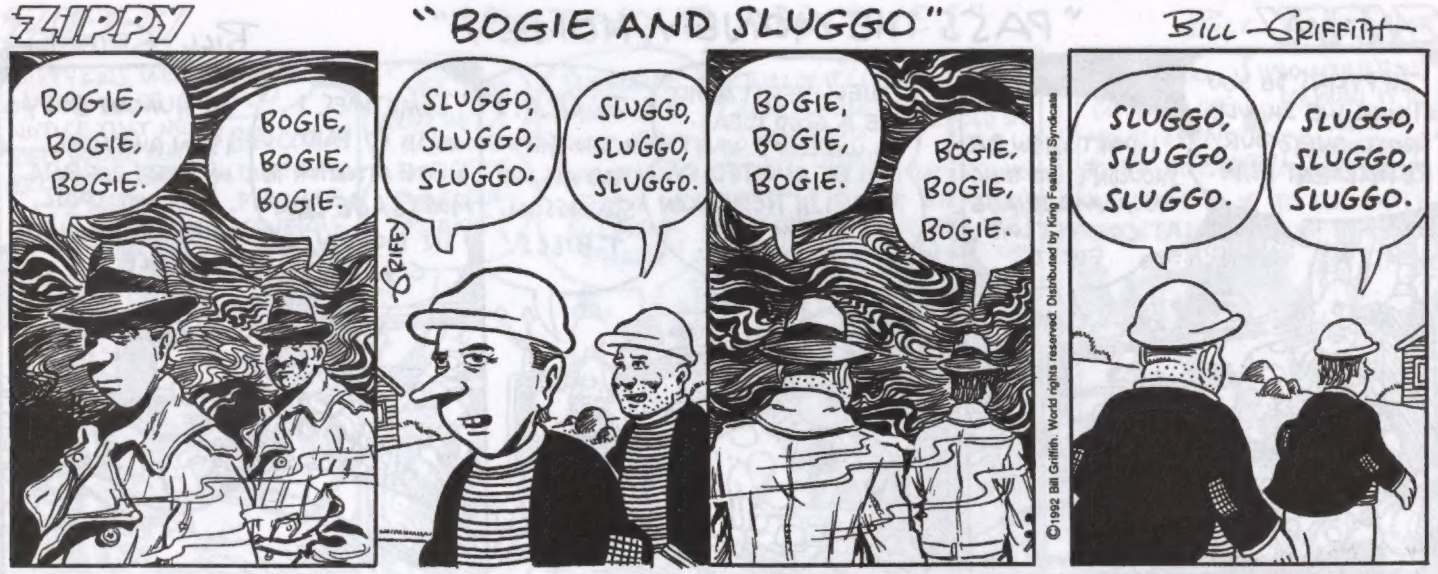
LIFE IS LIKE A WILD ROLLER COASTER RIDE..
SUDDEN HIGHS, SUDDEN LOWS, AND, AT TH' END, YOU FEEL VAGUELY ILL...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"BOGIE AND SLUGGO"
BILL GRIFFITH
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BOGIE, BOGIE, BOGIE.
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SLUGGO, SLUGGO, SLUGGO.
GRIFFY
BOGIE, BOGIE, BOGIE.
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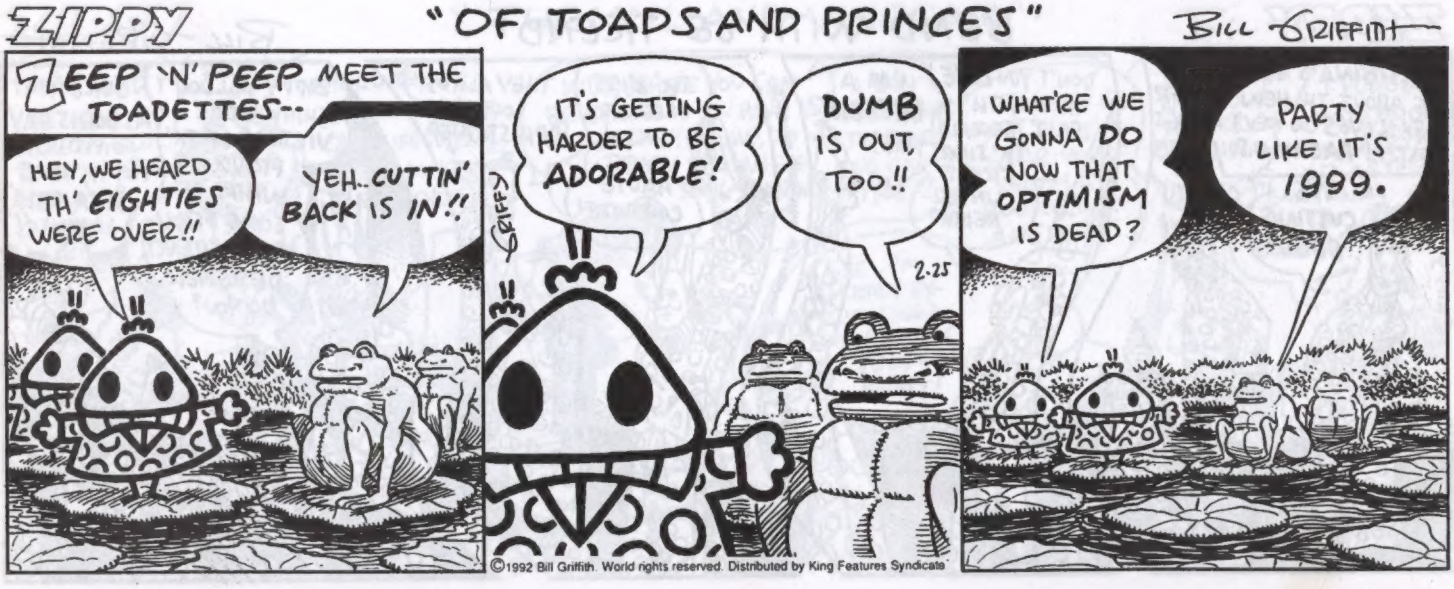
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"OF TOADS AND PRINCES"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZEEP 'N' PEEP MEET THE TOADETTES--
HEY, WE HEARD TH' EIGHTIES WERE OVER!!
YEH.. CUTTIN' BACK IS IN!!
GRIFFY
IT'S GETTING HARDER TO BE ADORABLE!
DUMB IS OUT, TOO!!
2-25
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW THAT OPTIMISM IS DEAD?
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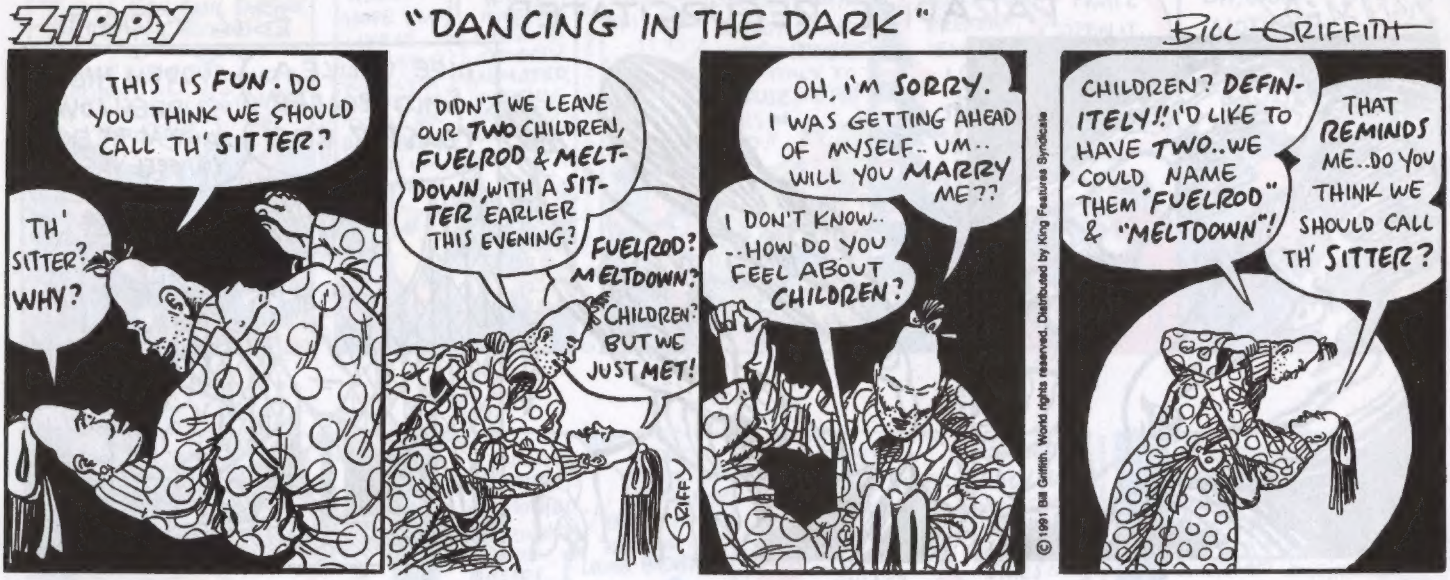
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"DANCING IN THE DARK"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS IS FUN. DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD CALL TH' SITTER?
TH' SITTER? WHY?
DIDN'T WE LEAVE OUR TWO CHILDREN, FUELROD & MELTDOWN, WITH A SITTER EARLIER THIS EVENING?
FUELROD? MELTDOWN? CHILDREN? BUT WE JUST MET!
GRIFFY
OH, I'M SORRY. I WAS GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF.. UM.. WILL YOU MARRY ME??
I DON'T KNOW.. ..HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CHILDREN?
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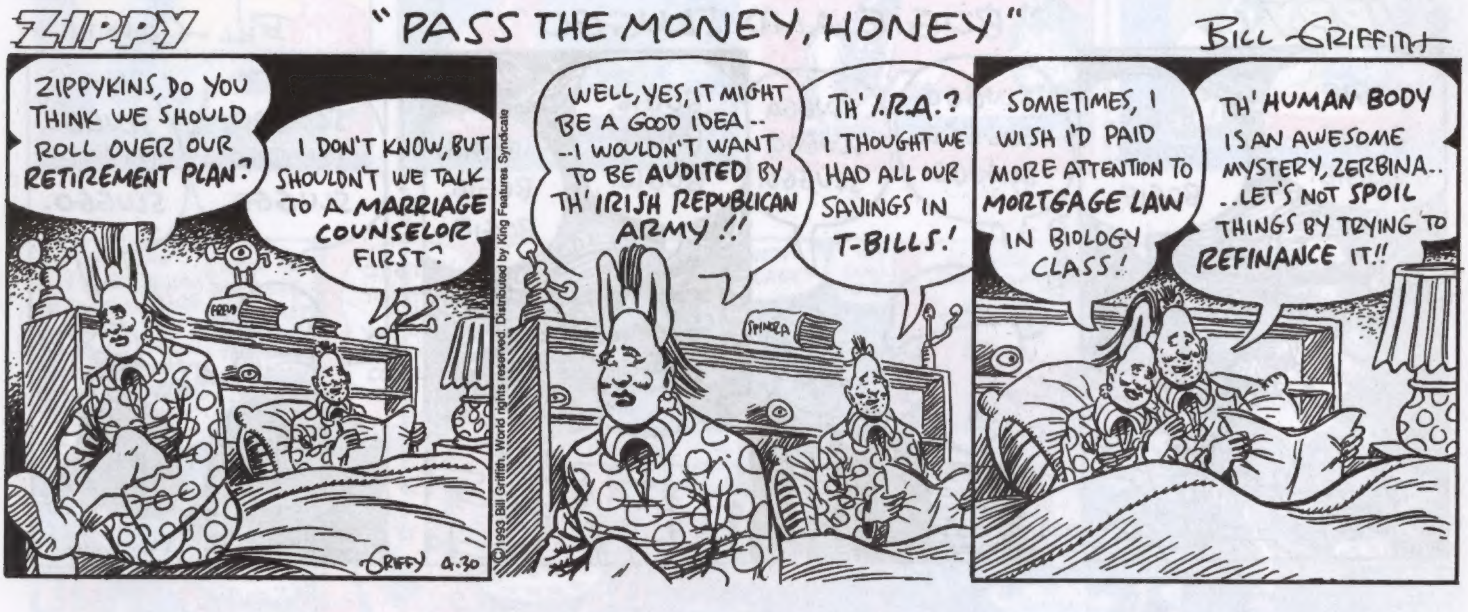
CHILDREN? DEFINITELY!! I'D LIKE TO HAVE TWO.. WE COULD NAME THEM "FUELROD" & "MELTDOWN"!
THAT REMINDS ME.. DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD CALL TH' SITTER?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"PASS THE MONEY, HONEY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPYKINS, DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD ROLL OVER OUR RETIREMENT PLAN?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT SHOULDN'T WE TALK TO A MARRIAGE COUNSELOR FIRST?
FREUD
GRIFFY 4-30
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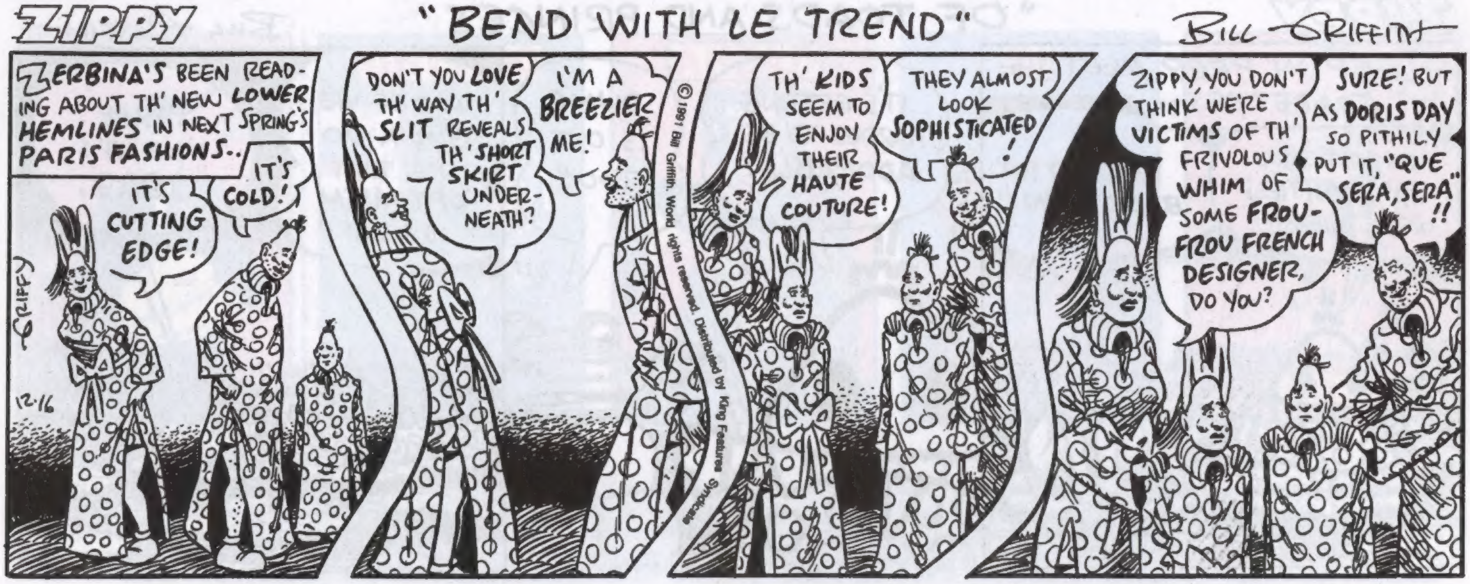
WELL, YES, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.. ..I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE AUDITED BY TH' IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY!!
TH' I.R.A.? I THOUGHT WE HAD ALL OUR SAVINGS IN T-BILLS!
SPINOZA
SOMETIMES, I WISH I'D PAID MORE ATTENTION TO MORTGAGE LAW IN BIOLOGY CLASS!
TH' HUMAN BODY IS AN AWESOME MYSTERY, ZERBINA.. ..LET'S NOT SPOIL THINGS BY TRYING TO REFINANCE IT!!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"BEND WITH LE TREND"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA'S BEEN READING ABOUT TH' NEW LOWER HEMLINES IN NEXT SPRING'S PARIS FASHIONS..
IT'S CUTTING EDGE!
IT'S COLD!
GRIFFY
12-16
DON'T YOU LOVE TH' WAY TH' SLIT REVEALS TH' SHORT SKIRT UNDERNEATH?
I'M A BREEZIER ME!
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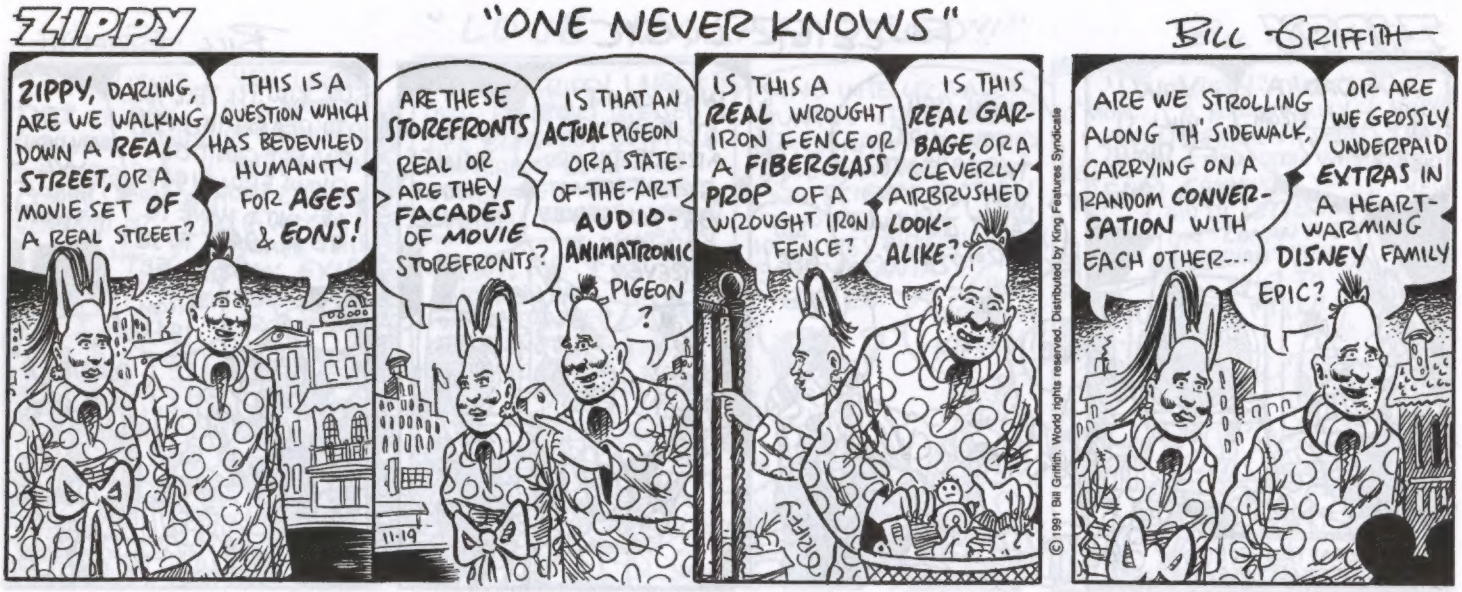
TH' KIDS SEEM TO ENJOY THEIR HAUTE COUTURE!
THEY ALMOST LOOK SOPHISTICATED!
ZIPPY, YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE VICTIMS OF TH' FRIVOLOUS WHIM OF SOME FROU-FROU FRENCH DESIGNER, DO YOU?
SURE! BUT AS DORIS DAY SO PITHILY PUT IT, "QUE SERA, SERA"!!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"ONE NEVER KNOWS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DARLING, ARE WE WALKING DOWN A REAL STREET, OR A MOVIE SET OF A REAL STREET?
THIS IS A QUESTION WHICH HAS BEDEVILED HUMANITY FOR AGES & EONS!
ARE THESE STOREFRONTS REAL OR ARE THEY FACADES OF MOVIE STOREFRONTS?
IS THAT AN ACTUAL PIGEON OR A STATE-OF-THE-ART AUDIO-ANIMATRONIC PIGEON?
11-19
IS THIS A REAL WROUGHT IRON FENCE OR A FIBERGLASS PROP OF A WROUGHT IRON FENCE?
IS THIS REAL GARBAGE, OR A CLEVERLY AIRBRUSHED LOOK-ALIKE?
GRIFFY
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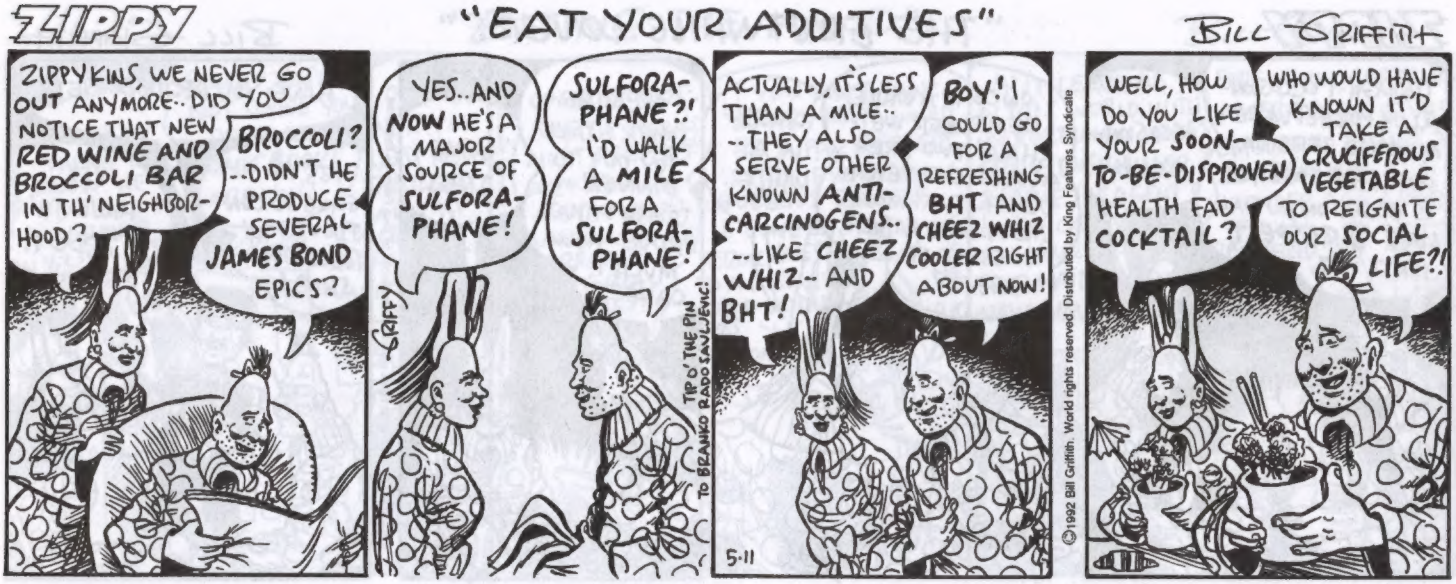
ARE WE STROLLING ALONG TH' SIDEWALK, CARRYING ON A RANDOM CONVERSATION WITH EACH OTHER...
OR ARE WE GROSSLY UNDERPAID EXTRAS IN A HEART-WARMING DISNEY FAMILY EPIC?


ZIPPY
"EAT YOUR ADDITIVES"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPYKINS, WE NEVER GO OUT ANYMORE.. DID YOU NOTICE THAT NEW RED WINE AND BROCCOLI BAR IN TH' NEIGHBORHOOD?
BROCCOLI? ..DIDN'T HE PRODUCE SEVERAL JAMES BOND EPICS?
GRIFFY
YES.. AND NOW HE'S A MAJOR SOURCE OF SULFORAPHANE!
SULFORAPHANE?! I'D WALK A MILE FOR A SULFORAPHANE!
TIP O' THE PIN TO BRANKO RADOSAVLJEVIC!
ACTUALLY, IT'S LESS THAN A MILE.. --THEY ALSO SERVE OTHER KNOWN ANTI-CARCINOGENS.. --LIKE CHEEZ WHIZ-- AND BHT!
BOY! I COULD GO FOR A REFRESHING BHT AND CHEEZ WHIZ COOLER RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
5-11
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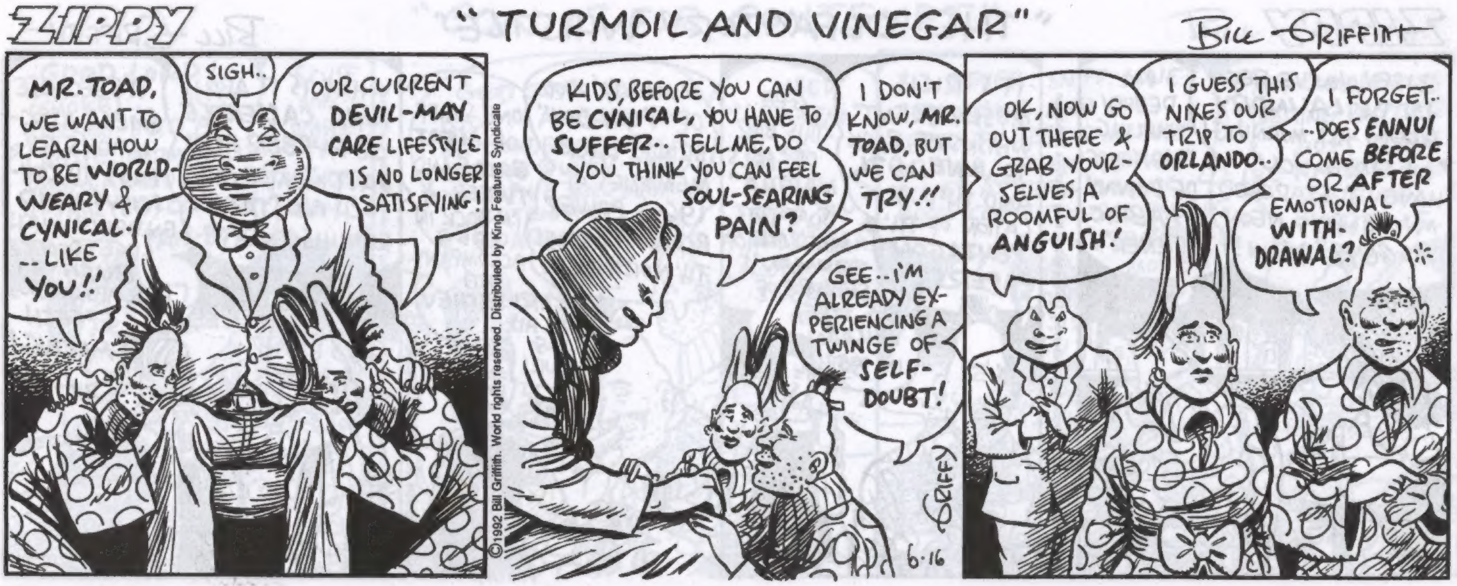
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR SOON-TO-BE-DISPROVEN HEALTH FAD COCKTAIL?
WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN IT'D TAKE A CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLE TO REIGNITE OUR SOCIAL LIFE?!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"TURMOIL AND VINEGAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, WE WANT TO LEARN HOW TO BE WORLD-WEARY & CYNICAL.. --LIKE YOU!!
SIGH..
OUR CURRENT DEVIL-MAY CARE LIFESTYLE IS NO LONGER SATISFYING!
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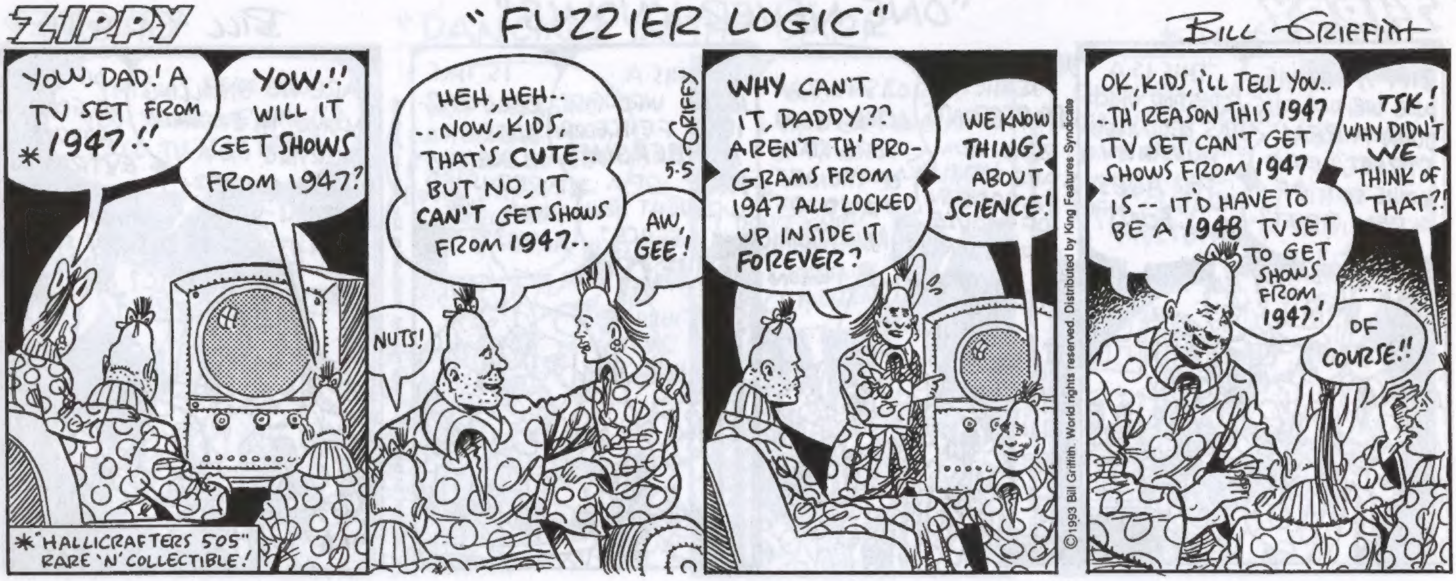
KIDS, BEFORE YOU CAN BE CYNICAL, YOU HAVE TO SUFFER.. TELL ME, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FEEL SOUL-SEARING PAIN?
I DON'T KNOW, MR. TOAD, BUT WE CAN TRY!!
GEE.. I'M ALREADY EXPERIENCING A TWINGE OF SELF-DOUBT!
GRIFFY
6-16
OK, NOW GO OUT THERE & GRAB YOURSELVES A ROOMFUL OF ANGUISH!
I GUESS THIS NIXES OUR TRIP TO ORLANDO..
I FORGET.. --DOES ENNUI COME BEFORE OR AFTER EMOTIONAL WITHDRAWAL?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"FUZZIER LOGIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOW, DAD! A TV SET FROM *1947!!
YOW!! WILL IT GET SHOWS FROM 1947?
*"HALLICRAFTERS 505" RARE 'N' COLLECTIBLE!
HEH, HEH.. ..NOW, KIDS, THAT'S CUTE.. BUT NO, IT CAN'T GET SHOWS FROM 1947..
NUTS!
AW, GEE!
GRIFFY 5·5
WHY CAN'T IT, DADDY?? AREN'T TH' PROGRAMS FROM 1947 ALL LOCKED UP INSIDE IT FOREVER?
WE KNOW THINGS ABOUT SCIENCE!
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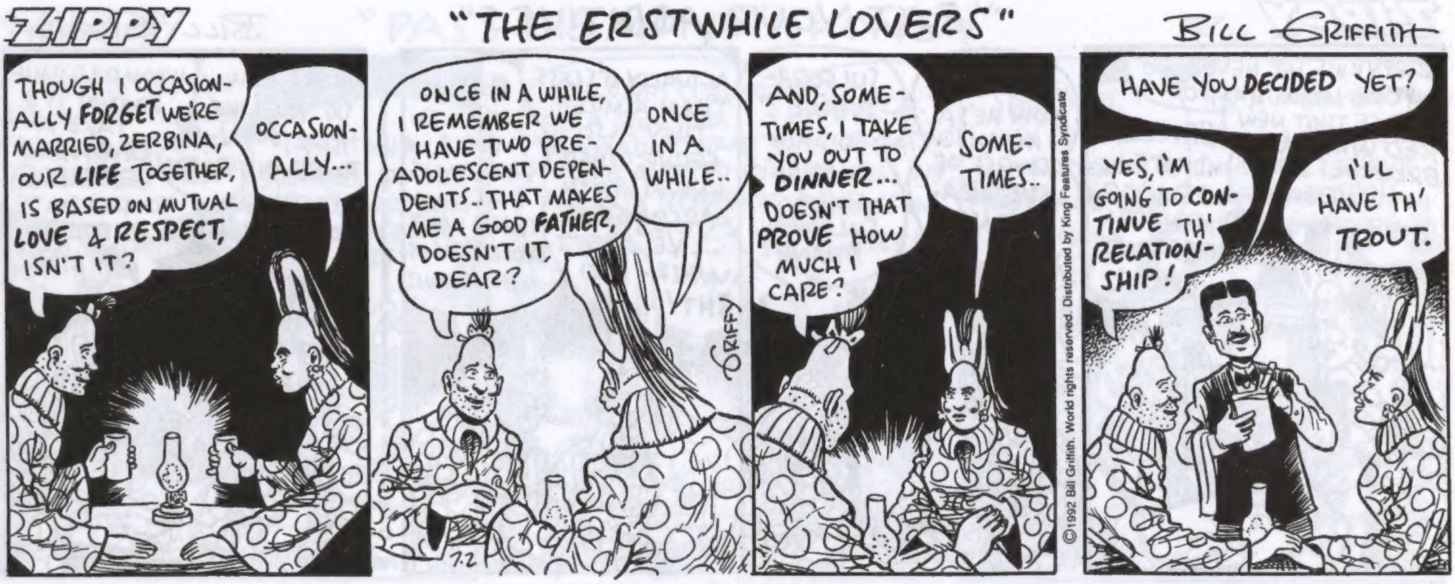
OK, KIDS, I'LL TELL YOU.. ..TH' REASON THIS 1947 TV SET CAN'T GET SHOWS FROM 1947 IS -- IT'D HAVE TO BE A 1948 TV SET TO GET SHOWS FROM 1947!
TSK! WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF THAT?!
OF COURSE!!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"THE ERSTWHILE LOVERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THOUGH I OCCASIONALLY FORGET WE'RE MARRIED, ZERBINA, OUR LIFE TOGETHER IS BASED ON MUTUAL LOVE & RESPECT, ISN'T IT?
OCCASIONALLY...
ONCE IN A WHILE, I REMEMBER WE HAVE TWO PRE-ADOLESCENT DEPENDENTS.. THAT MAKES ME A GOOD FATHER, DOESN'T IT, DEAR?
ONCE IN A WHILE..
GRIFFY
7·2
AND, SOMETIMES, I TAKE YOU OUT TO DINNER... DOESN'T THAT PROVE HOW MUCH I CARE?
SOMETIMES..
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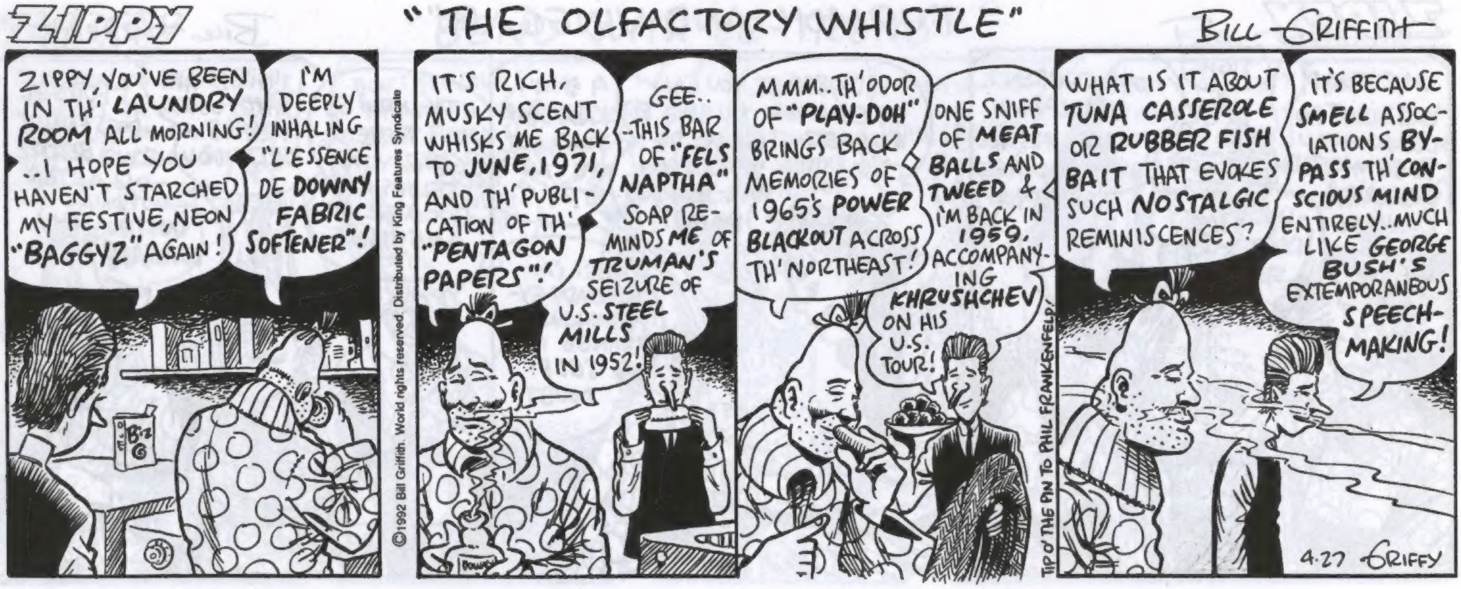
HAVE YOU DECIDED YET?
YES, I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TH' RELATIONSHIP!
I'LL HAVE TH' TROUT.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"THE OLFACTORY WHISTLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU'VE BEEN IN TH' LAUNDRY ROOM ALL MORNING! ..I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T STARCHED MY FESTIVE, NEON "BAGGYZ" AGAIN!
I'M DEEPLY INHALING "L'ESSENCE DE DOWNY FABRIC SOFTENER"!
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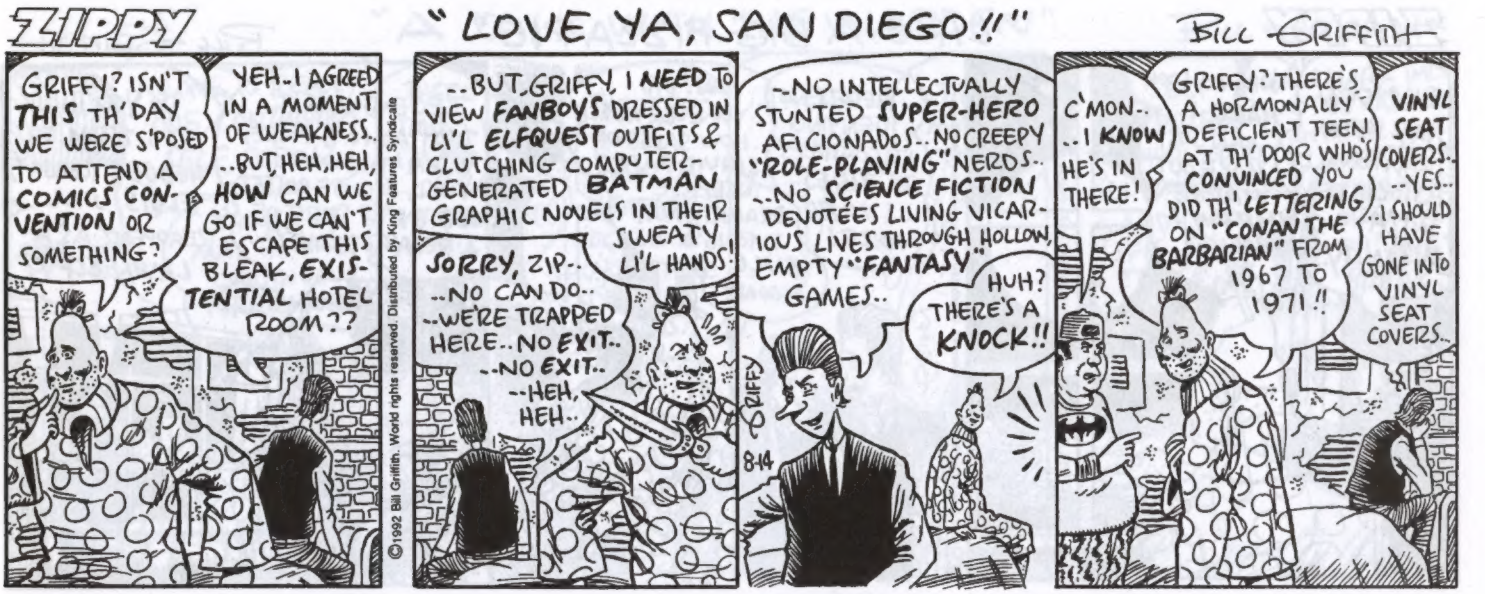
IT'S RICH, MUSKY SCENT WHISKS ME BACK TO JUNE, 1971, AND TH' PUBLICATION OF TH' "PENTAGON PAPERS"!
GEE.. ..THIS BAR OF "FELS NAPTHA" SOAP REMINDS ME OF TRUMAN'S SEIZURE OF U.S. STEEL MILLS IN 1952!
DOWNY
MMM..TH' ODOR OF "PLAY-DOH" BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF 1965'S POWER BLACKOUT ACROSS TH' NORTHEAST!
ONE SNIFF OF MEAT BALLS AND TWEED & I'M BACK IN 1959, ACCOMPANYING KHRUSHCHEV ON HIS U.S. TOUR!
TIP O' THE PIN TO PHIL FRANKENFELD!
WHAT IS IT ABOUT TUNA CASSEROLE OR RUBBER FISH BAIT THAT EVOKES SUCH NOSTALGIC REMINISCENCES?
IT'S BECAUSE SMELL ASSOCIATIONS BY-PASS TH' CONSCIOUS MIND ENTIRELY..MUCH LIKE GEORGE BUSH'S EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH-MAKING!
4·27 GRIFFY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"LOVE YA, SAN DIEGO!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY? ISN'T THIS TH' DAY WE WERE S'POSED TO ATTEND A COMICS CONVENTION OR SOMETHING?
YEH.. I AGREED IN A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS.. ..BUT, HEH, HEH, HOW CAN WE GO IF WE CAN'T ESCAPE THIS BLEAK, EXISTENTIAL HOTEL ROOM??
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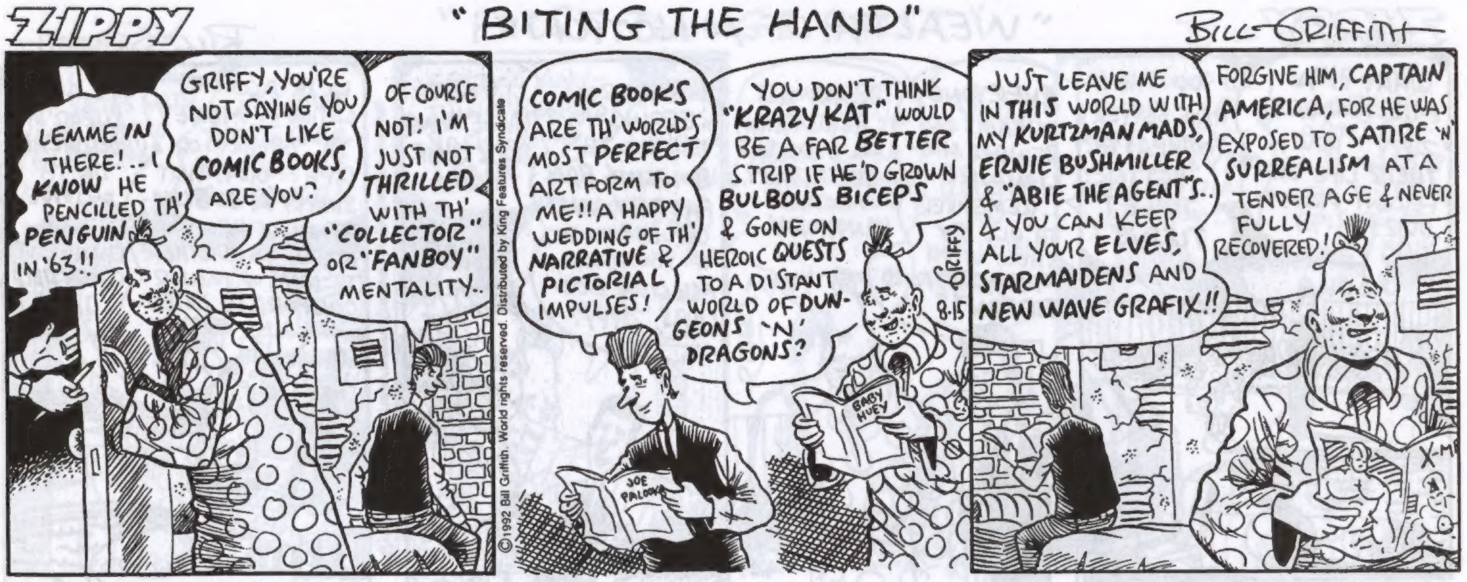
..BUT, GRIFFY, I NEED TO VIEW FANBOYS DRESSED IN LI'L ELFQUEST OUTFITS & CLUTCHING COMPUTER-GENERATED BATMAN GRAPHIC NOVELS IN THEIR SWEATY LI'L HANDS!
SORRY, ZIP.. ..NO CAN DO.. ..WE'RE TRAPPED HERE.. NO EXIT.. ..NO EXIT.. ..HEH, HEH..
GRIFFY
8-14
..NO INTELLECTUALLY STUNTED SUPER-HERO AFICIONADOS.. NO CREEPY "ROLE-PLAYING" NERDS.. ..NO SCIENCE FICTION DEVOTÉES LIVING VICARIOUS LIVES THROUGH HOLLOW, EMPTY "FANTASY" GAMES..
HUH? THERE'S A KNOCK!!
C'MON.. ..I KNOW HE'S IN THERE!
GRIFFY? THERE'S A HORMONALLY-DEFICIENT TEEN AT TH' DOOR WHO'S CONVINCED YOU DID TH' LETTERING ON "CONAN THE BARBARIAN" FROM 1967 TO 1971!!
VINYL SEAT COVERS.. ..YES.. ..I SHOULD HAVE GONE INTO VINYL SEAT COVERS..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"BITING THE HAND"
BILL GRIFFITH
LEMME IN THERE!.. I KNOW HE PENCILLED TH' PENGUIN IN '63!!
GRIFFY, YOU'RE NOT SAYING YOU DON'T LIKE COMIC BOOKS, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT! I'M JUST NOT THRILLED WITH TH' "COLLECTOR" OR "FANBOY" MENTALITY..
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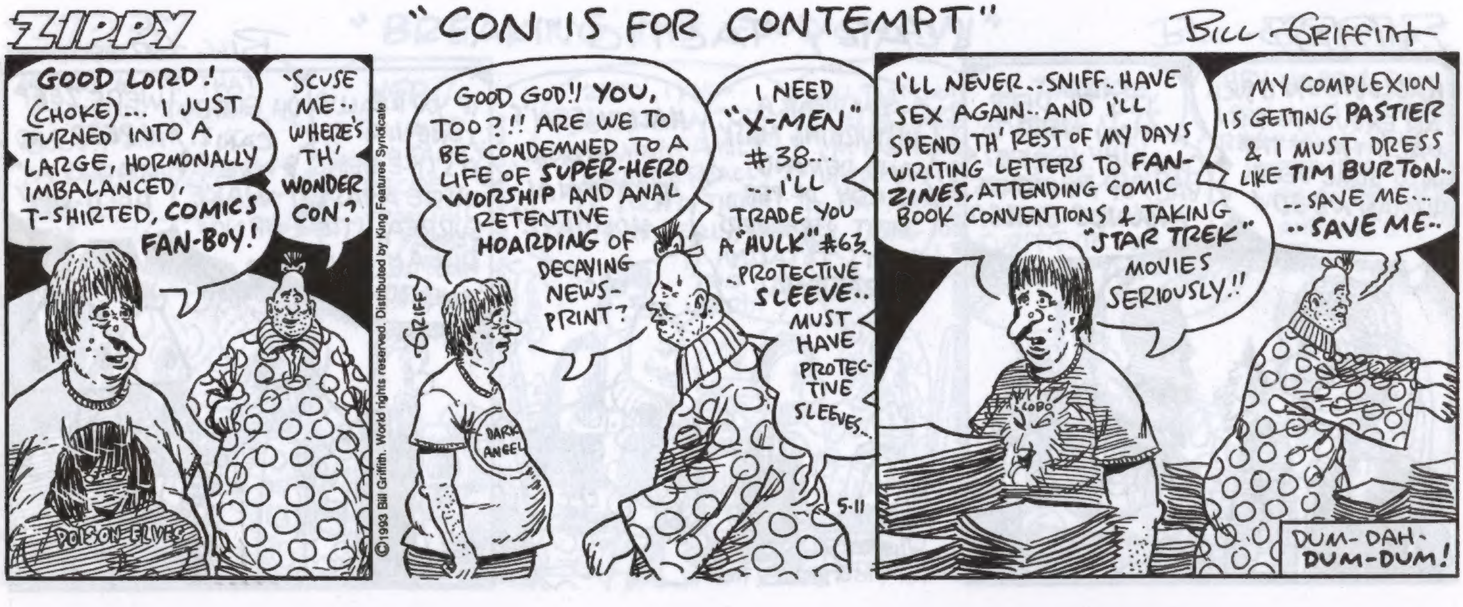
COMIC BOOKS ARE TH' WORLD'S MOST PERFECT ART FORM TO ME!! A HAPPY WEDDING OF TH' NARRATIVE & PICTORIAL IMPULSES!
YOU DON'T THINK "KRAZY KAT" WOULD BE A FAR BETTER STRIP IF HE'D GROWN BULBOUS BICEPS & GONE ON HEROIC QUESTS TO A DISTANT WORLD OF DUNGEONS 'N' DRAGONS?
JOE PALOOKA
BABY HUEY
GRIFFY
8-15
JUST LEAVE ME IN THIS WORLD WITH MY KURTZMAN MADS, ERNIE BUSHMILLER & "ABIE THE AGENT"S.. & YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOUR ELVES, STARMAIDENS AND NEW WAVE GRAFIX!!
FORGIVE HIM, CAPTAIN AMERICA, FOR HE WAS EXPOSED TO SATIRE 'N' SURREALISM AT A TENDER AGE & NEVER FULLY RECOVERED!
X-M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"CON IS FOR CONTEMPT"
BILL GRIFFITH
GOOD LORD! (CHOKE)... I JUST TURNED INTO A LARGE, HORMONALLY IMBALANCED, T-SHIRTED, COMICS FAN-BOY!
'SCUSE ME.. WHERE'S TH' WONDER CON?
POISON ELVES
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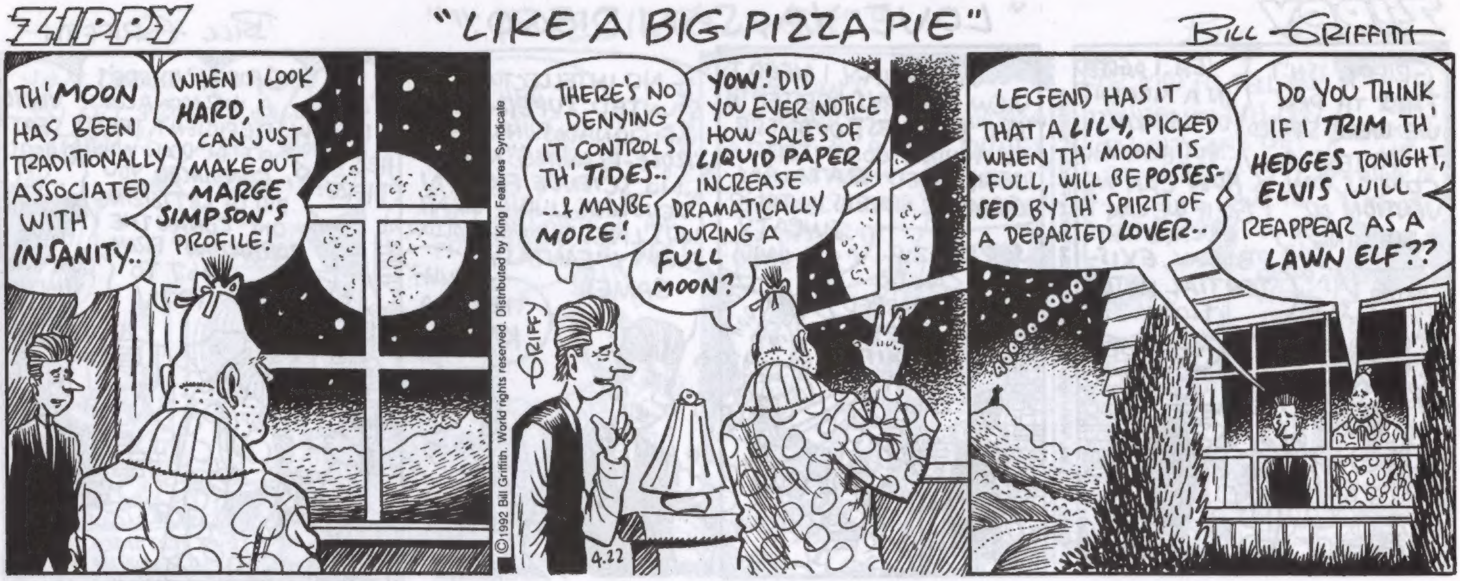
GOOD GOD!! YOU, TOO?!! ARE WE TO BE CONDEMNED TO A LIFE OF SUPER-HERO WORSHIP AND ANAL RETENTIVE HOARDING OF DECAYING NEWSPRINT?
I NEED "X-MEN" #38.. ..I'LL TRADE YOU A "HULK" #63.. ..PROTECTIVE SLEEVE.. MUST HAVE PROTECTIVE SLEEVES..
DARK ANGEL
GRIFFY
5-11
I'LL NEVER.. SNIFF.. HAVE SEX AGAIN.. AND I'LL SPEND TH' REST OF MY DAYS WRITING LETTERS TO FANZINES, ATTENDING COMIC BOOK CONVENTIONS & TAKING "STAR TREK" MOVIES SERIOUSLY!!
LOBO
MY COMPLEXION IS GETTING PASTIER & I MUST DRESS LIKE TIM BURTON.. ..SAVE ME... ..SAVE ME..
DUM-DAH-DUM-DUM!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"LIKE A BIG PIZZA PIE"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' MOON HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INSANITY..
WHEN I LOOK HARD, I CAN JUST MAKE OUT MARGE SIMPSON'S PROFILE!
THERE'S NO DENYING IT CONTROLS TH' TIDES.. ..& MAYBE MORE!
YOW! DID YOU EVER NOTICE HOW SALES OF LIQUID PAPER INCREASE DRAMATICALLY DURING A FULL MOON?
GRIFFY
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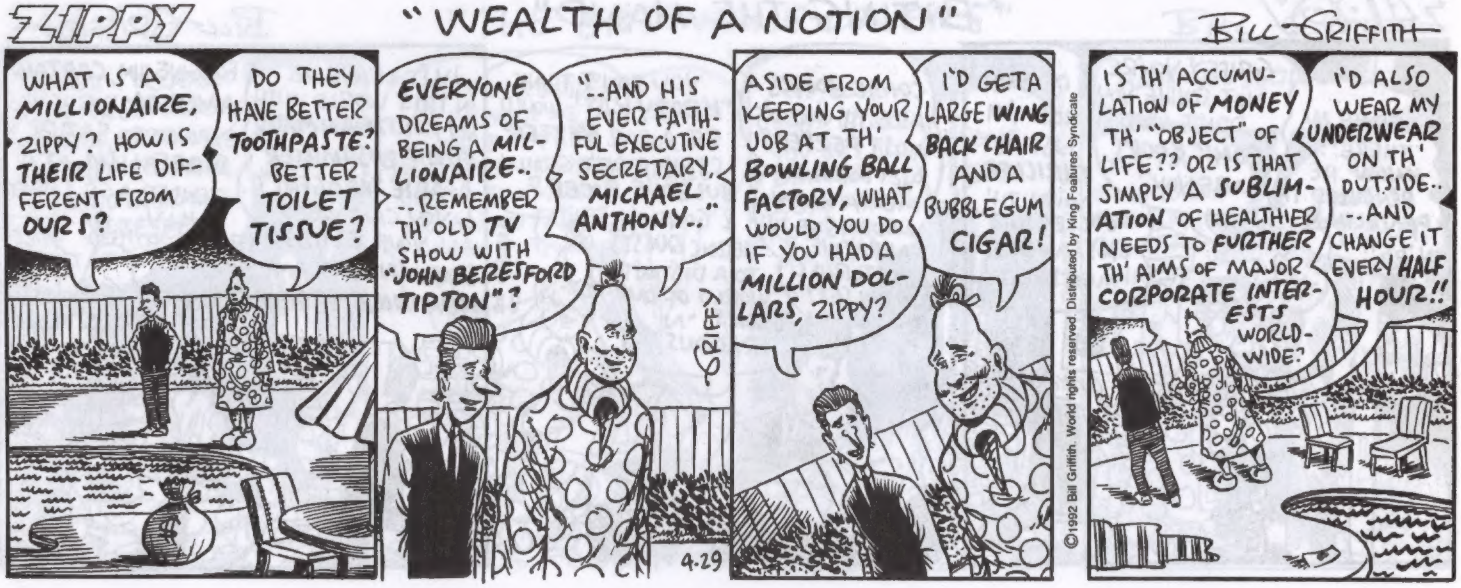
4-22
LEGEND HAS IT THAT A LILY, PICKED WHEN TH' MOON IS FULL, WILL BE POSSESSED BY TH' SPIRIT OF A DEPARTED LOVER..
DO YOU THINK IF I TRIM TH' HEDGES TONIGHT, ELVIS WILL REAPPEAR AS A LAWN ELF??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"WEALTH OF A NOTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS A MILLIONAIRE, ZIPPY? HOW IS THEIR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM OURS?
DO THEY HAVE BETTER TOOTHPASTE? BETTER TOILET TISSUE?
EVERYONE DREAMS OF BEING A MILLIONAIRE.. ..REMEMBER TH' OLD TV SHOW WITH "JOHN BERESFORD TIPTON"?
"..AND HIS EVER FAITHFUL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MICHAEL ANTHONY.."
GRIFFY
4-29
ASIDE FROM KEEPING YOUR JOB AT TH' BOWLING BALL FACTORY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, ZIPPY?
I'D GET A LARGE WING BACK CHAIR AND A BUBBLEGUM CIGAR!
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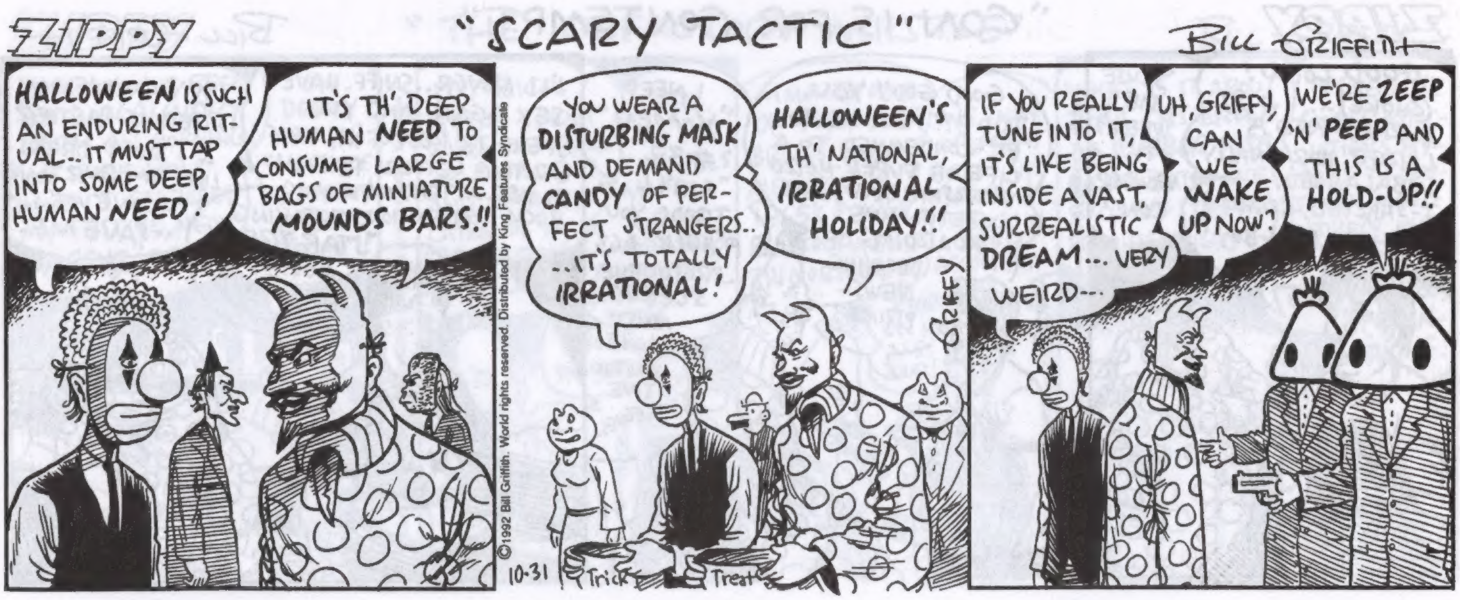
IS TH' ACCUMULATION OF MONEY TH' "OBJECT" OF LIFE?? OR IS THAT SIMPLY A SUBLIMATION OF HEALTHIER NEEDS TO FURTHER TH' AIMS OF MAJOR CORPORATE INTERESTS WORLD-WIDE?
I'D ALSO WEAR MY UNDERWEAR ON TH' OUTSIDE.. ..AND CHANGE IT EVERY HALF HOUR!!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"SCARY TACTIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
HALLOWEEN IS SUCH AN ENDURING RITUAL.. IT MUST TAP INTO SOME DEEP HUMAN NEED!
IT'S TH' DEEP HUMAN NEED TO CONSUME LARGE BAGS OF MINIATURE MOUNDS BARS!!
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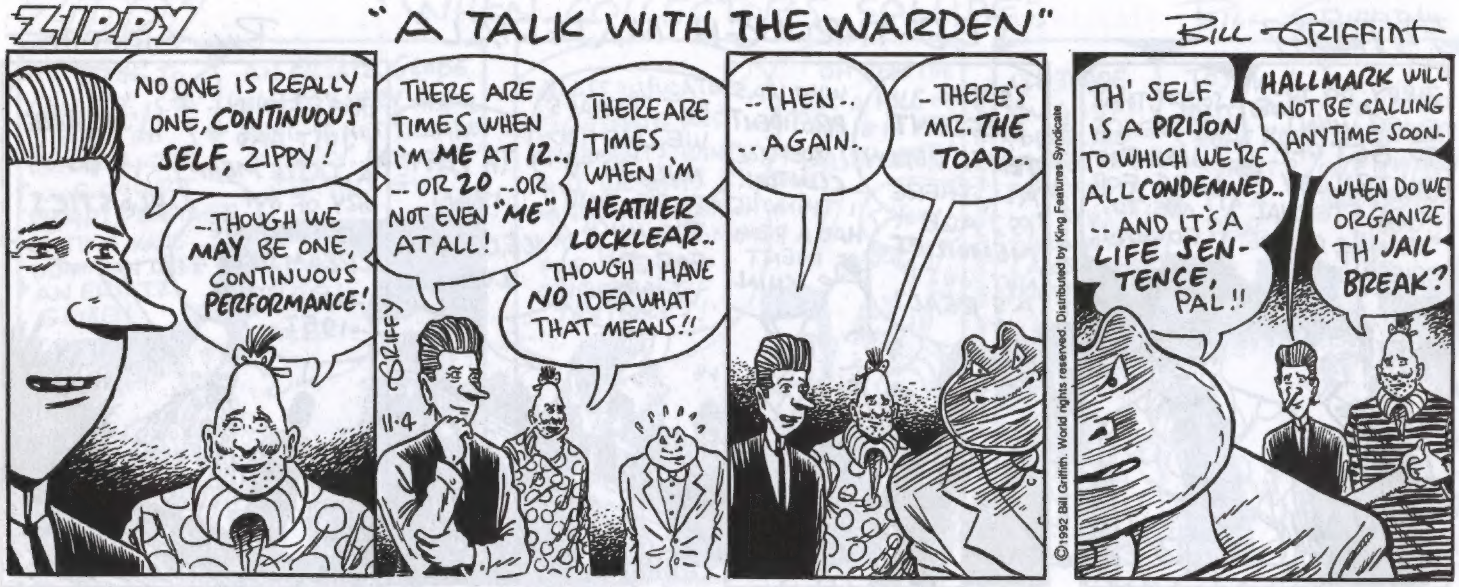
YOU WEAR A DISTURBING MASK AND DEMAND CANDY OF PERFECT STRANGERS.. ..IT'S TOTALLY IRRATIONAL!
HALLOWEEN'S TH' NATIONAL, IRRATIONAL HOLIDAY!!
GRIFFY
10-31
Trick
Treat
IF YOU REALLY TUNE INTO IT, IT'S LIKE BEING INSIDE A VAST, SURREALISTIC DREAM... VERY WEIRD--.
UH, GRIFFY, CAN WE WAKE UP NOW?
WE'RE ZEEP 'N' PEEP AND THIS IS A HOLD-UP!!


ZIPPY
"A TALK WITH THE WARDEN"
BILL GRIFFITH
NO ONE IS REALLY ONE, CONTINUOUS SELF, ZIPPY!
..THOUGH WE MAY BE ONE, CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE!
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I'M ME AT 12.. ..OR 20 ..OR NOT EVEN "ME" AT ALL!
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I'M HEATHER LOCKLEAR.. THOUGH I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS!!
GRIFFY
11·4
..THEN.. ..AGAIN..
..THERE'S MR. THE TOAD..
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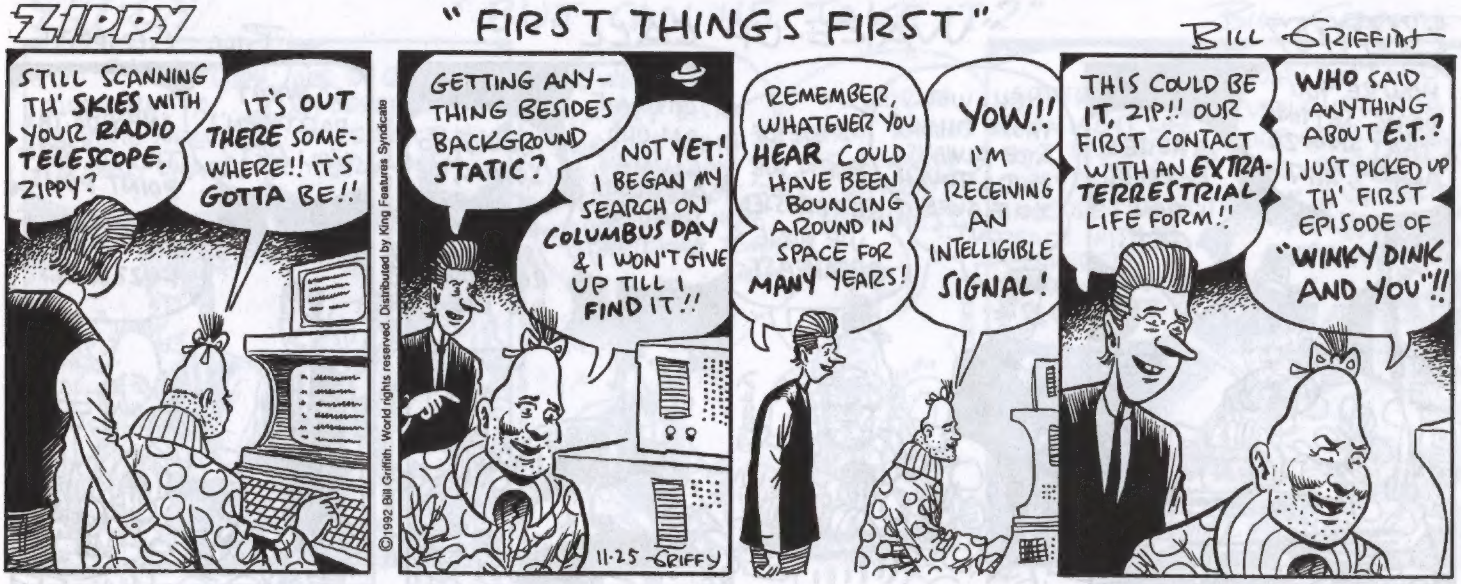
TH' SELF IS A PRISON TO WHICH WE'RE ALL CONDEMNED.. ..AND IT'S A LIFE SENTENCE, PAL!!
HALLMARK WILL NOT BE CALLING ANYTIME SOON..
WHEN DO WE ORGANIZE TH' JAIL BREAK?


ZIPPY
"FIRST THINGS FIRST"
BILL GRIFFITH
STILL SCANNING TH' SKIES WITH YOUR RADIO TELESCOPE, ZIPPY?
IT'S OUT THERE SOMEWHERE!! IT'S GOTTA BE!!
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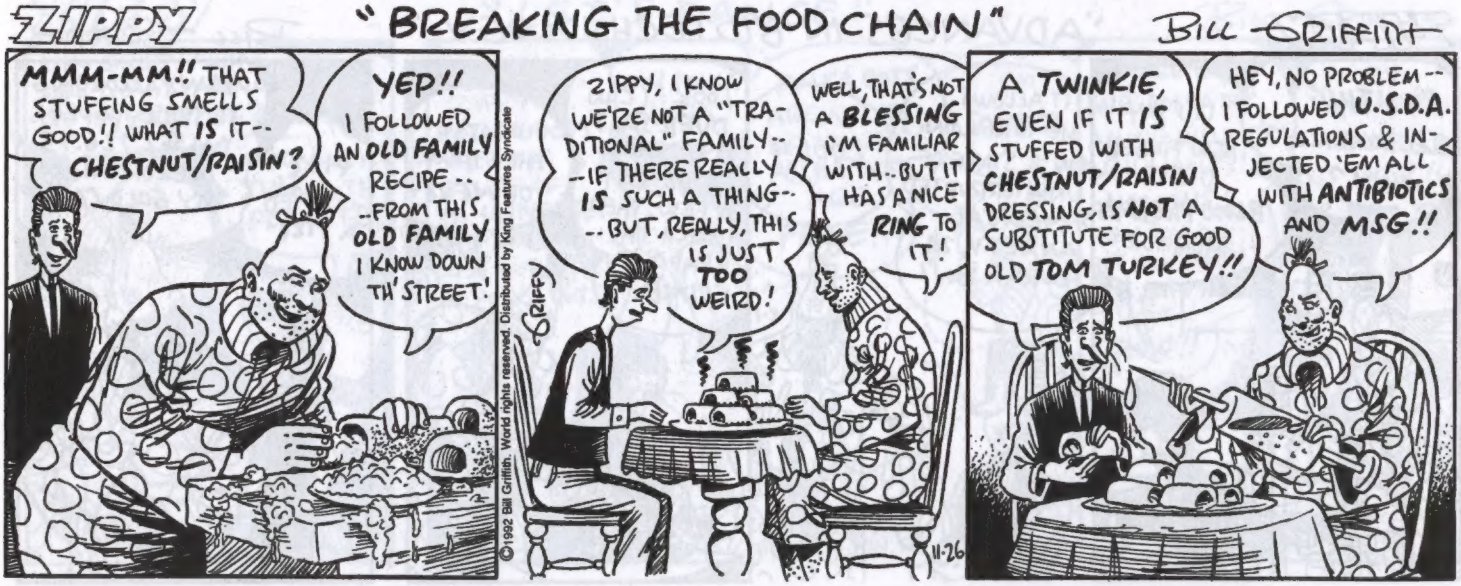
GETTING ANYTHING BESIDES BACKGROUND STATIC?
NOT YET! I BEGAN MY SEARCH ON COLUMBUS DAY & I WON'T GIVE UP TILL I FIND IT!!
11·25 GRIFFY
REMEMBER, WHATEVER YOU HEAR COULD HAVE BEEN BOUNCING AROUND IN SPACE FOR MANY YEARS!
YOW!! I'M RECEIVING AN INTELLIGIBLE SIGNAL!
THIS COULD BE IT, ZIP!! OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE FORM!!
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT E.T.? I JUST PICKED UP TH' FIRST EPISODE OF "WINKY DINK AND YOU"!!


ZIPPY
"BREAKING THE FOOD CHAIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
MMM-MM!! THAT STUFFING SMELLS GOOD!! WHAT IS IT-- CHESTNUT/RAISIN?
YEP!! I FOLLOWED AN OLD FAMILY RECIPE-- ..FROM THIS OLD FAMILY I KNOW DOWN TH' STREET!
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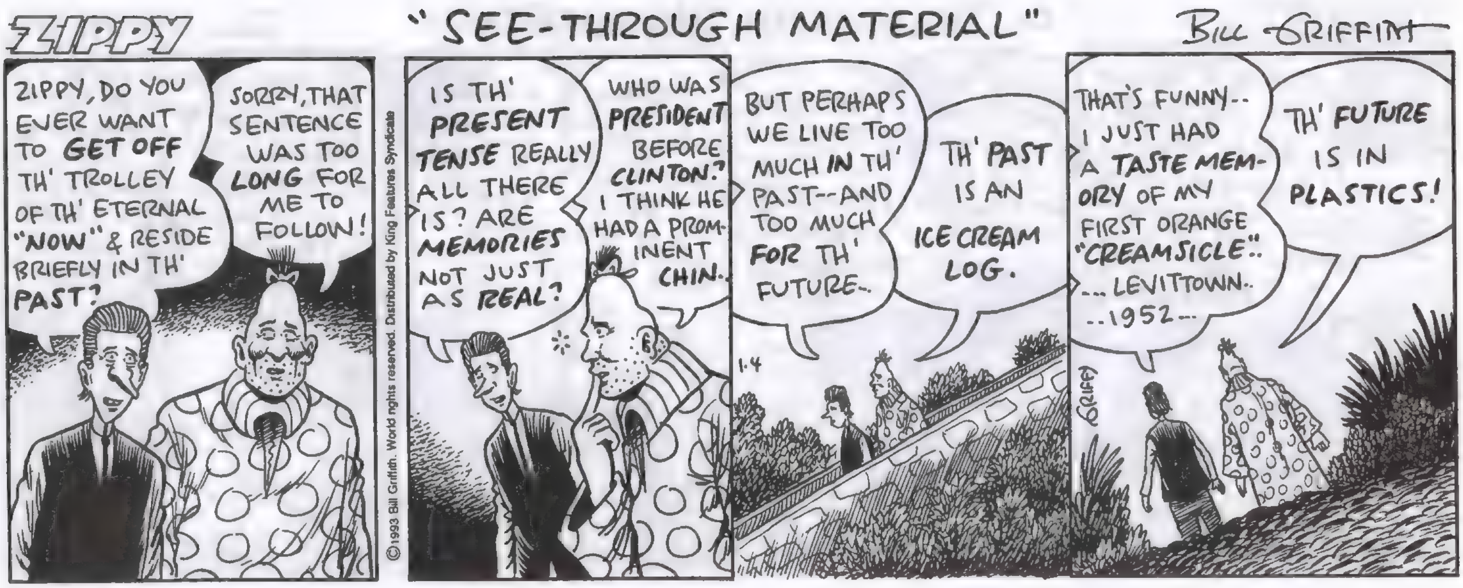
GRIFFY
ZIPPY, I KNOW WE'RE NOT A "TRADITIONAL" FAMILY-- --IF THERE REALLY IS SUCH A THING-- --BUT, REALLY, THIS IS JUST TOO WEIRD!
WELL, THAT'S NOT A BLESSING I'M FAMILIAR WITH.. BUT IT HAS A NICE RING TO IT!
11·26
A TWINKIE, EVEN IF IT IS STUFFED WITH CHESTNUT/RAISIN DRESSING, IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR GOOD OLD TOM TURKEY!!
HEY, NO PROBLEM-- I FOLLOWED U.S.D.A. REGULATIONS & INJECTED 'EM ALL WITH ANTIBIOTICS AND MSG!!


ZIPPY
"SEE-THROUGH MATERIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU EVER WANT TO GET OFF TH' TROLLEY OF TH' ETERNAL "NOW" & RESIDE BRIEFLY IN TH' PAST?
SORRY, THAT SENTENCE WAS TOO LONG FOR ME TO FOLLOW!
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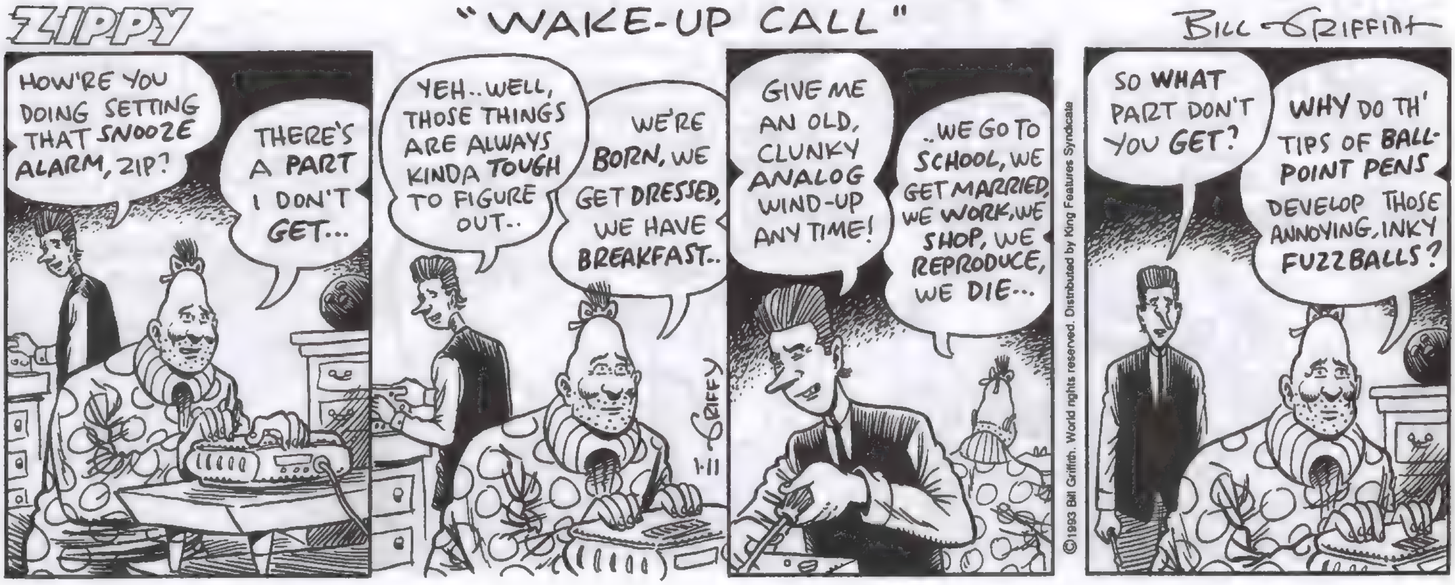
IS TH' PRESENT TENSE REALLY ALL THERE IS? ARE MEMORIES NOT JUST AS REAL?
WHO WAS PRESIDENT BEFORE CLINTON? I THINK HE HAD A PROMINENT CHIN..
BUT PERHAPS WE LIVE TOO MUCH IN TH' PAST--AND TOO MUCH FOR TH' FUTURE..
TH' PAST IS AN ICE CREAM LOG.
1-4
THAT'S FUNNY.. I JUST HAD A TASTE MEMORY OF MY FIRST ORANGE "CREAMSICLE".. ... LEVITTOWN.. ..1952..
TH' FUTURE IS IN PLASTICS!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"WAKE-UP CALL"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW'RE YOU DOING SETTING THAT SNOOZE ALARM, ZIP?
THERE'S A PART I DON'T GET...
YEH..WELL, THOSE THINGS ARE ALWAYS KINDA TOUGH TO FIGURE OUT..
WE'RE BORN, WE GET DRESSED, WE HAVE BREAKFAST..
GRIFFY
1-11
GIVE ME AN OLD, CLUNKY ANALOG WIND-UP ANY TIME!
..WE GO TO SCHOOL, WE GET MARRIED, WE WORK, WE SHOP, WE REPRODUCE, WE DIE...
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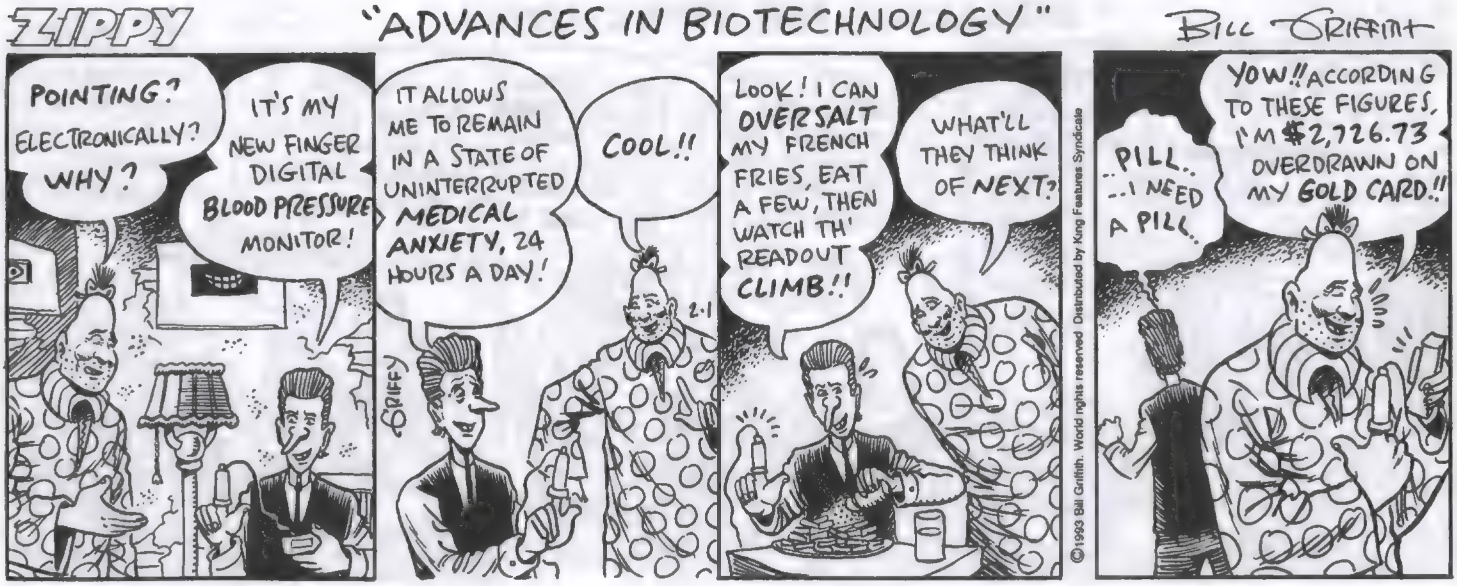
SO WHAT PART DON'T YOU GET?
WHY DO TH' TIPS OF BALL-POINT PENS DEVELOP THOSE ANNOYING, INKY FUZZBALLS?


ZIPPY
"ADVANCES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY"
BILL GRIFFITH
POINTING? ELECTRONICALLY? WHY?
IT'S MY NEW FINGER DIGITAL BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR!
IT ALLOWS ME TO REMAIN IN A STATE OF UNINTERRUPTED MEDICAL ANXIETY, 24 HOURS A DAY!
COOL!!
2-1
GRIFFY
LOOK! I CAN OVERSALT MY FRENCH FRIES, EAT A FEW, THEN WATCH TH' READOUT CLIMB!!
WHAT'LL THEY THINK OF NEXT?
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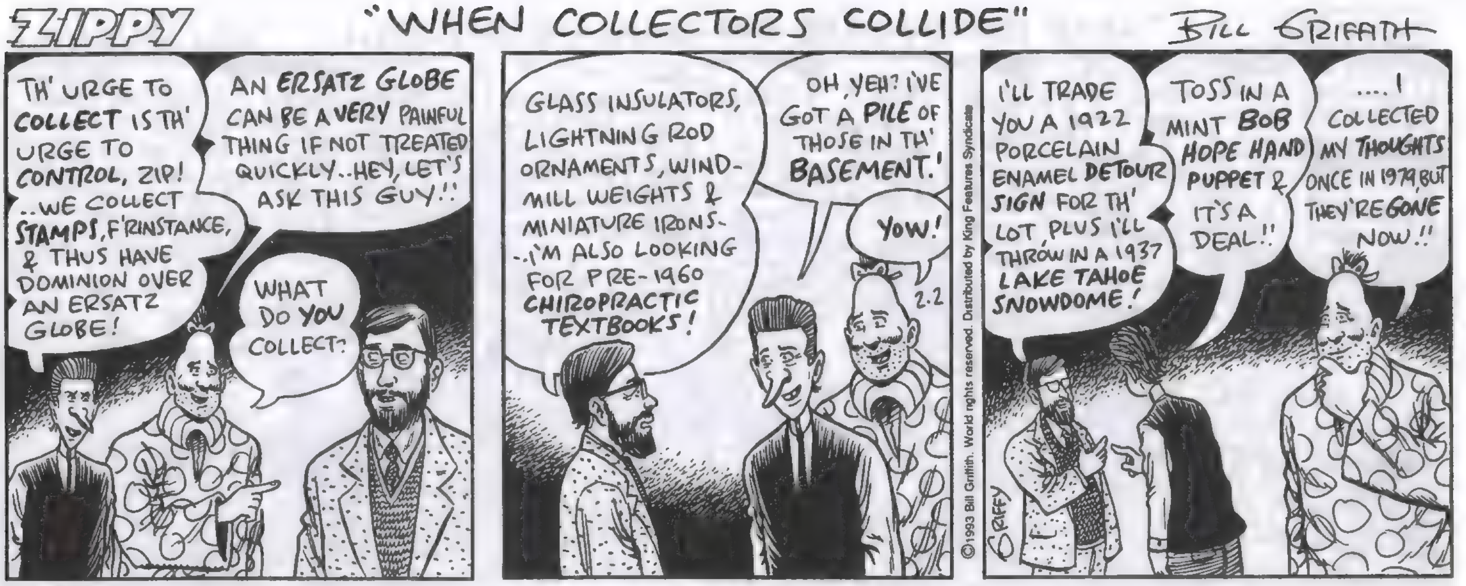
PILL.. ..I NEED A PILL..
YOW!! ACCORDING TO THESE FIGURES, I'M $2,726.73 OVERDRAWN ON MY GOLD CARD!!


ZIPPY
"WHEN COLLECTORS COLLIDE"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' URGE TO **COLLECT** IS TH' URGE TO **CONTROL**, ZIP! ..WE COLLECT **STAMPS**, F'RINSTANCE, & THUS HAVE DOMINION OVER AN ERSATZ GLOBE!
AN **ERSATZ GLOBE** CAN BE A **VERY** PAINFUL THING IF NOT TREATED QUICKLY..HEY, LET'S ASK THIS GUY!!
WHAT DO **YOU** COLLECT?
GLASS INSULATORS, LIGHTNING ROD ORNAMENTS, WINDMILL WEIGHTS & MINIATURE IRONS- -I'M ALSO LOOKING FOR PRE-1960 **CHIROPRACTIC TEXTBOOKS**!
OH, YEH? I'VE GOT A **PILE** OF THOSE IN TH' **BASEMENT**.
YOW!
2.2
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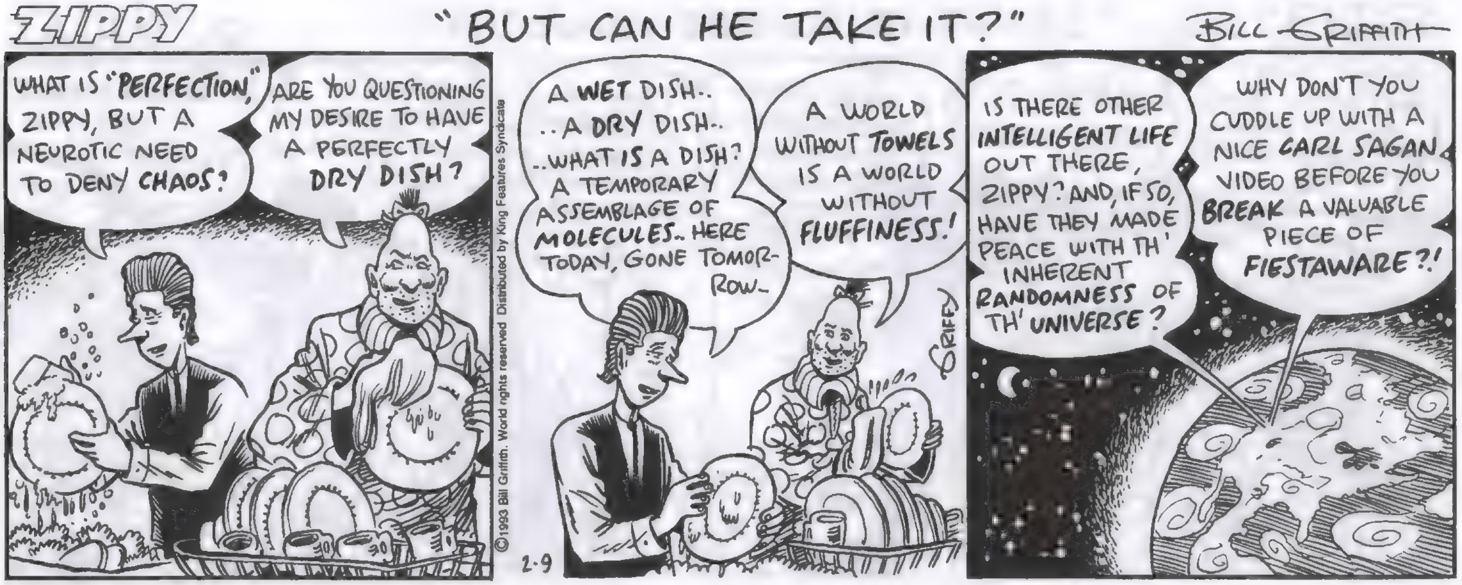
I'LL TRADE YOU A 1922 PORCELAIN ENAMEL **DETOUR SIGN** FOR TH' LOT, PLUS I'LL THROW IN A 1937 **LAKE TAHOE SNOWDOME**!
TOSS IN A MINT **BOB HOPE HAND PUPPET** & IT'S A DEAL!!
....I COLLECTED MY **THOUGHTS** ONCE IN 1979, BUT THEY'RE **GONE** NOW!!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"BUT CAN HE TAKE IT?"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS "**PERFECTION**," ZIPPY, BUT A NEUROTIC NEED TO DENY **CHAOS**?
ARE YOU QUESTIONING MY DESIRE TO HAVE A PERFECTLY **DRY DISH**?
A **WET** DISH.. ..A **DRY** DISH.. ..WHAT **IS** A DISH? A TEMPORARY ASSEMBLAGE OF **MOLECULES**.. HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW..
A WORLD WITHOUT **TOWELS** IS A WORLD WITHOUT **FLUFFINESS**!
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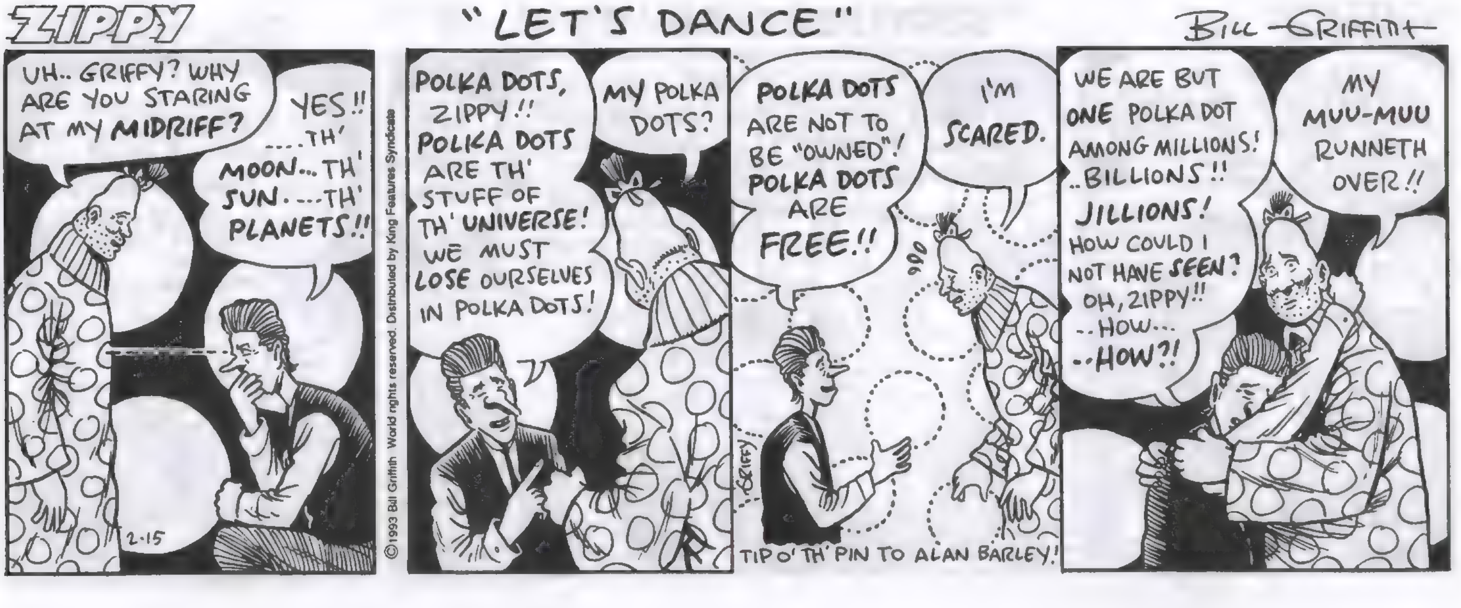
2.9
GRIFFY
IS THERE OTHER **INTELLIGENT LIFE** OUT THERE, ZIPPY? AND, IF SO, HAVE THEY MADE PEACE WITH TH' INHERENT **RANDOMNESS** OF TH' **UNIVERSE**?
WHY DON'T YOU CUDDLE UP WITH A NICE **CARL SAGAN** VIDEO BEFORE YOU **BREAK** A VALUABLE PIECE OF **FIESTAWARE**?!


ZIPPY
"LET'S DANCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH.. GRIFFY? WHY ARE YOU STARING AT MY **MIDRIFF**?
YES!! ....TH' **MOON**...TH' **SUN**....TH' **PLANETS**!!
2.15
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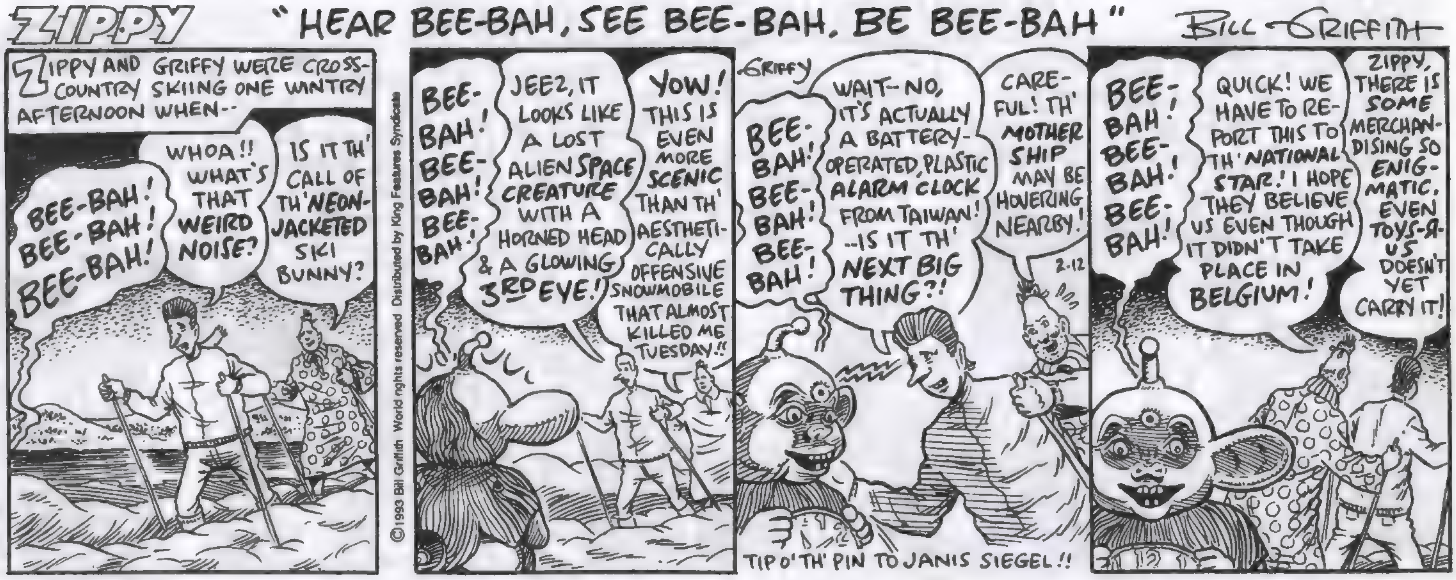
POLKA DOTS, ZIPPY!! **POLKA DOTS** ARE TH' STUFF OF TH' **UNIVERSE**! WE MUST **LOSE** OURSELVES IN POLKA DOTS!
MY POLKA DOTS?
POLKA DOTS ARE NOT TO BE "OWNED"! **POLKA DOTS** ARE **FREE**!!
I'M **SCARED**.
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO ALAN BARLEY!
WE ARE BUT **ONE** POLKA DOT AMONG MILLIONS! ..BILLIONS!! **JILLIONS**! HOW COULD I NOT HAVE **SEEN**? OH, ZIPPY!! ..HOW... ..**HOW**?!
MY MUU-MUU RUNNETH OVER!!


ZIPPY
"HEAR BEE-BAH, SEE BEE-BAH, BE BEE-BAH"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY AND GRIFFY WERE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING ONE WINTRY AFTERNOON WHEN--
BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH!
WHOA!! WHAT'S THAT WEIRD NOISE?
IS IT TH' CALL OF TH' NEON-JACKETED SKI BUNNY?
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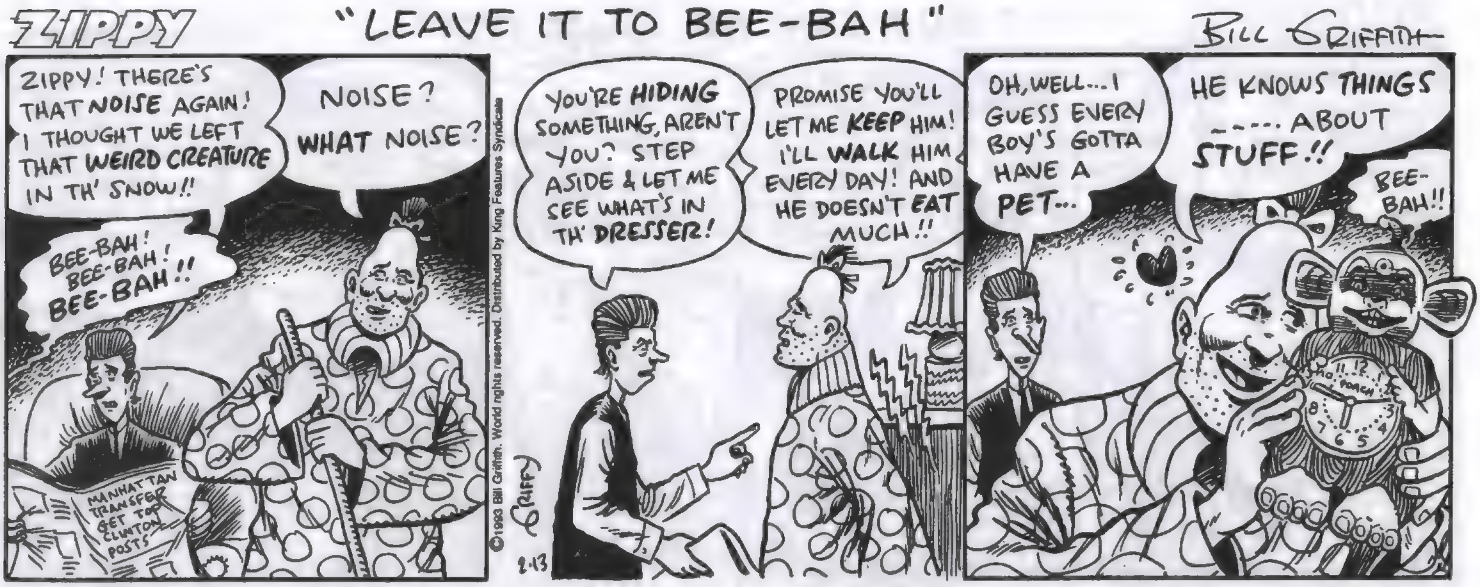
BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH!
JEEZ, IT LOOKS LIKE A LOST ALIEN SPACE CREATURE WITH A HORNED HEAD & A GLOWING 3RD EYE!
YOW! THIS IS EVEN MORE SCENIC THAN TH' AESTHETICALLY OFFENSIVE SNOWMOBILE THAT ALMOST KILLED ME TUESDAY!!
GRIFFY
BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH!
WAIT-NO, IT'S ACTUALLY A BATTERY-OPERATED, PLASTIC ALARM CLOCK FROM TAIWAN! --IS IT TH' NEXT BIG THING?!
CAREFUL! TH' MOTHER SHIP MAY BE HOVERING NEARBY!
2-12
TIP O' TH' PIN TO JANIS SIEGEL!!
BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH!
QUICK! WE HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO TH' NATIONAL STAR! I HOPE THEY BELIEVE US EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T TAKE PLACE IN BELGIUM!
ZIPPY, THERE IS SOME MERCHANDISING SO ENIGMATIC, EVEN TOYS-R-US DOESN'T YET CARRY IT!


ZIPPY
"LEAVE IT TO BEE-BAH"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! THERE'S THAT NOISE AGAIN! I THOUGHT WE LEFT THAT WEIRD CREATURE IN TH' SNOW!!
NOISE? WHAT NOISE?
BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH! BEE-BAH!!
MANHATTAN TRANSFER GET TOP CLINTON POSTS
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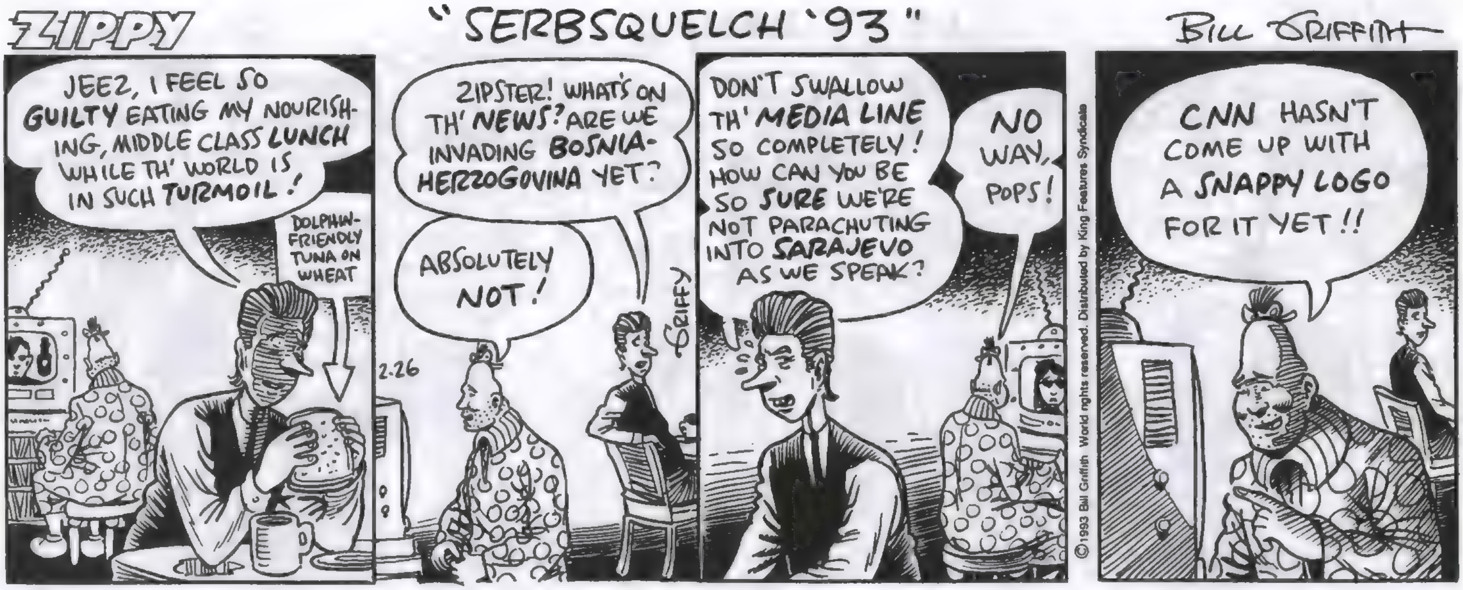
YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU? STEP ASIDE & LET ME SEE WHAT'S IN TH' DRESSER!
PROMISE YOU'LL LET ME KEEP HIM! I'LL WALK HIM EVERY DAY! AND HE DOESN'T EAT MUCH!!
GRIFFY
2-13
OH, WELL... I GUESS EVERY BOY'S GOTTA HAVE A PET...
HE KNOWS THINGS ----- ABOUT STUFF!!
BEE-BAH!!


ZIPPY
"SERBSQUELCH '93"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, I FEEL SO GUILTY EATING MY NOURISHING, MIDDLE CLASS LUNCH WHILE TH' WORLD IS IN SUCH TURMOIL!
DOLPHIN-FRIENDLY TUNA ON WHEAT
2-26
ZIPSTER! WHAT'S ON TH' NEWS? ARE WE INVADING BOSNIA-HERZOGOVINA YET?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
GRIFFY
DON'T SWALLOW TH' MEDIA LINE SO COMPLETELY! HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE WE'RE NOT PARACHUTING INTO SARAJEVO AS WE SPEAK?
NO WAY, POPS!
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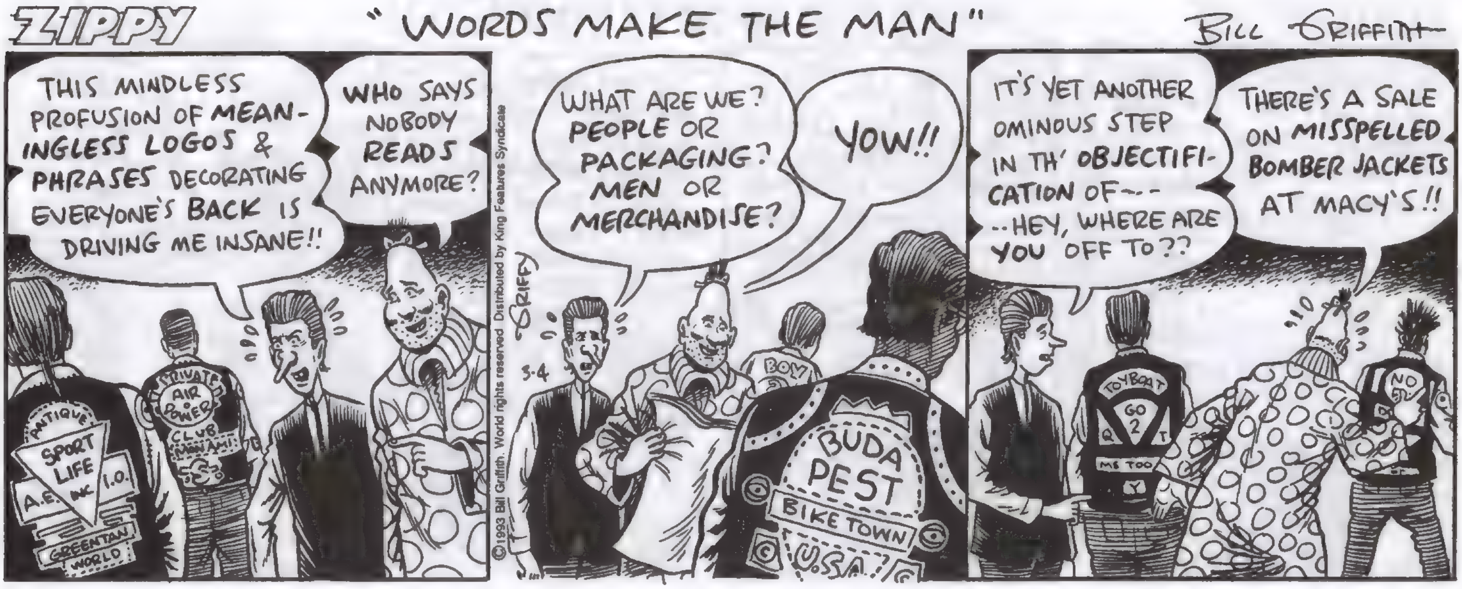
CNN HASN'T COME UP WITH A SNAPPY LOGO FOR IT YET!!


ZIPPY
"WORDS MAKE THE MAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS MINDLESS PROFUSION OF MEANINGLESS LOGOS & PHRASES DECORATING EVERYONE'S BACK IS DRIVING ME INSANE!!
WHO SAYS NOBODY READS ANYMORE?
ANTIQUE SPORT LIFE A.E. INC I.O. GREENTAN WORLD
PRIVATE AIR POWER CLUB MIAMI
WHAT ARE WE? PEOPLE OR PACKAGING? MEN OR MERCHANDISE?
YOW!!
BOY
BUDA PEST BIKE TOWN U.S.A.
GRIFFY
3-4
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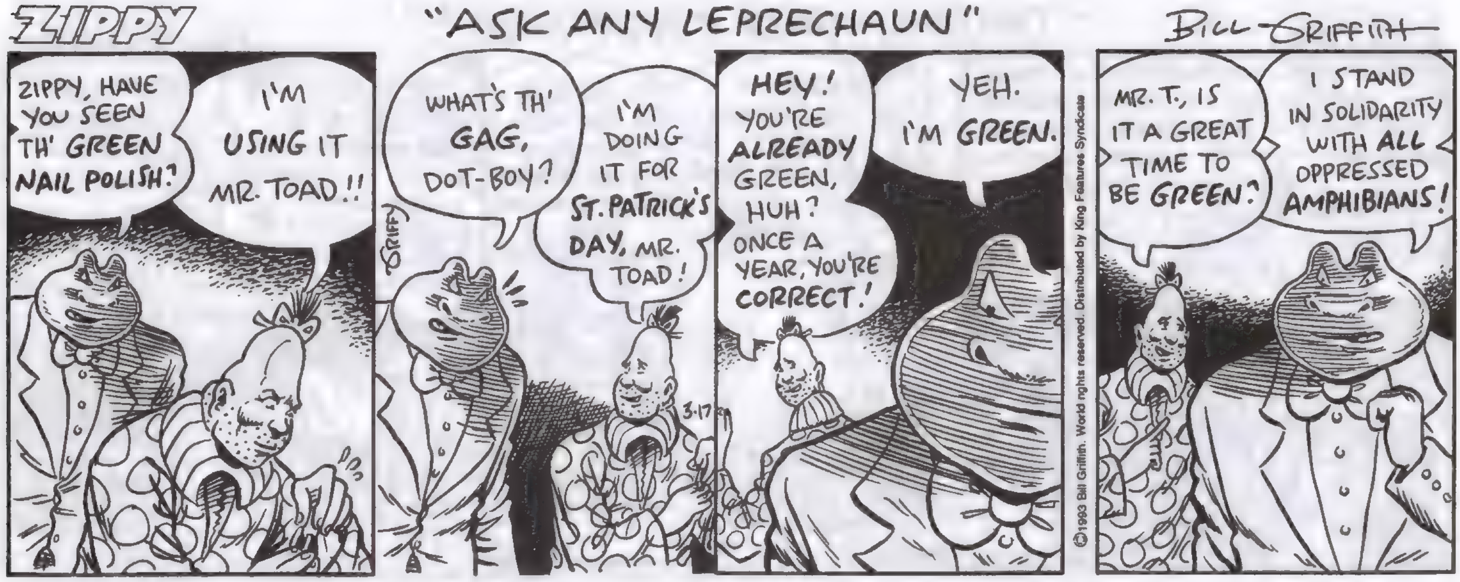
IT'S YET ANOTHER OMINOUS STEP IN TH' OBJECTIFICATION OF-- --HEY, WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO??
THERE'S A SALE ON MISSPELLED BOMBER JACKETS AT MACY'S!!
TOYBOAT GO 2 Q T MS TOO Y
NO


ZIPPY
"ASK ANY LEPRECHAUN"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, HAVE YOU SEEN TH' GREEN NAIL POLISH?
I'M USING IT MR. TOAD!!
GRIFFY
WHAT'S TH' GAG, DOT-BOY?
I'M DOING IT FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MR. TOAD!
3-17
HEY! YOU'RE ALREADY GREEN, HUH? ONCE A YEAR, YOU'RE CORRECT!
YEH. I'M GREEN.
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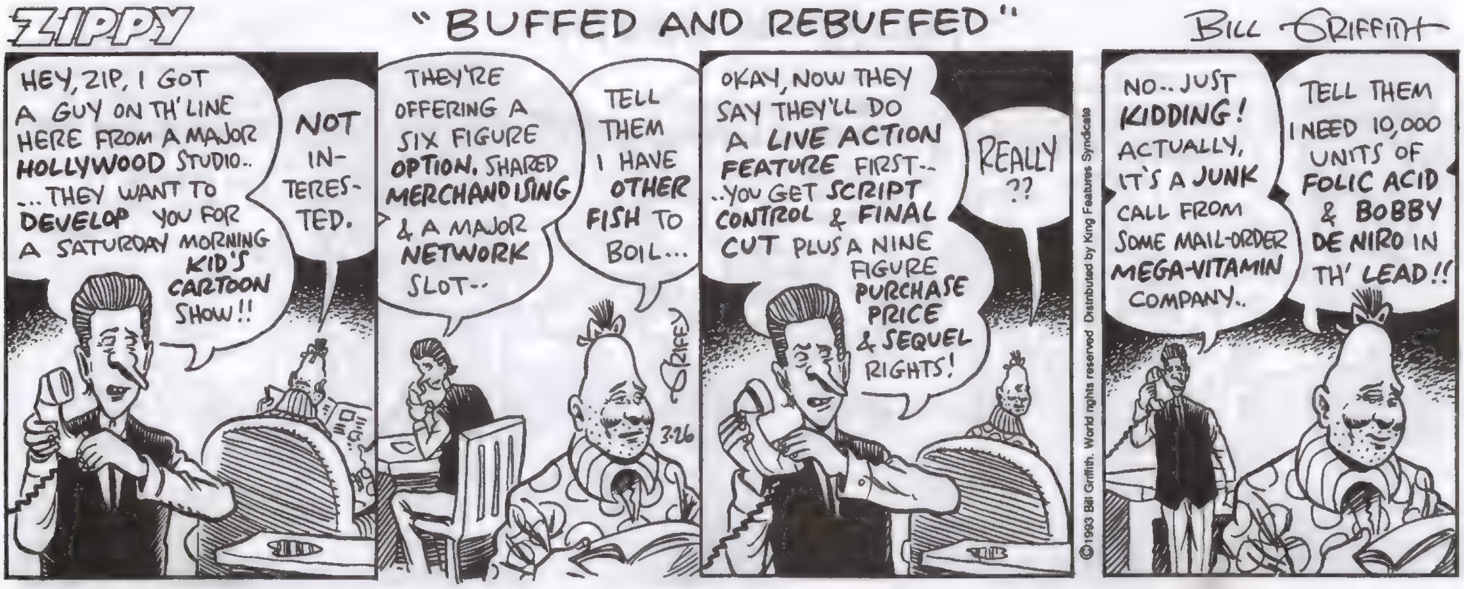
MR. T., IS IT A GREAT TIME TO BE GREEN?
I STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OPPRESSED AMPHIBIANS!


ZIPPY
"BUFFED AND REBUFFED"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, ZIP, I GOT A GUY ON TH' LINE HERE FROM A MAJOR HOLLYWOOD STUDIO.. ...THEY WANT TO DEVELOP YOU FOR A SATURDAY MORNING KID'S CARTOON SHOW!!
NOT INTERESTED.
THEY'RE OFFERING A SIX FIGURE OPTION, SHARED MERCHANDISING & A MAJOR NETWORK SLOT--
TELL THEM I HAVE OTHER FISH TO BOIL...
GRIFFY
3-26
OKAY, NOW THEY SAY THEY'LL DO A LIVE ACTION FEATURE FIRST-- ..YOU GET SCRIPT CONTROL & FINAL CUT PLUS A NINE FIGURE PURCHASE PRICE & SEQUEL RIGHTS!
REALLY ??
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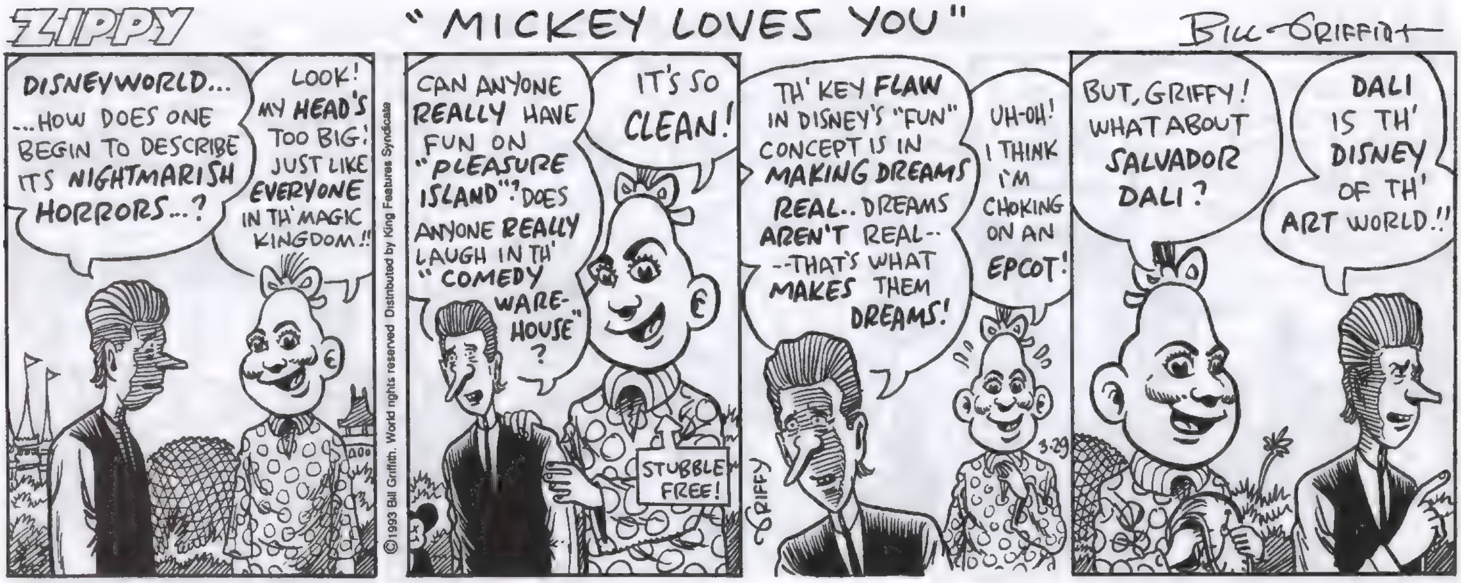
NO.. JUST KIDDING! ACTUALLY, IT'S A JUNK CALL FROM SOME MAIL-ORDER MEGA-VITAMIN COMPANY..
TELL THEM I NEED 10,000 UNITS OF FOLIC ACID & BOBBY DE NIRO IN TH' LEAD!!


ZIPPY
"MICKEY LOVES YOU"
BILL GRIFFITH
DISNEYWORLD... ...HOW DOES ONE BEGIN TO DESCRIBE ITS NIGHTMARISH HORRORS...?
LOOK! MY HEAD'S TOO BIG! JUST LIKE EVERYONE IN TH' MAGIC KINGDOM!!
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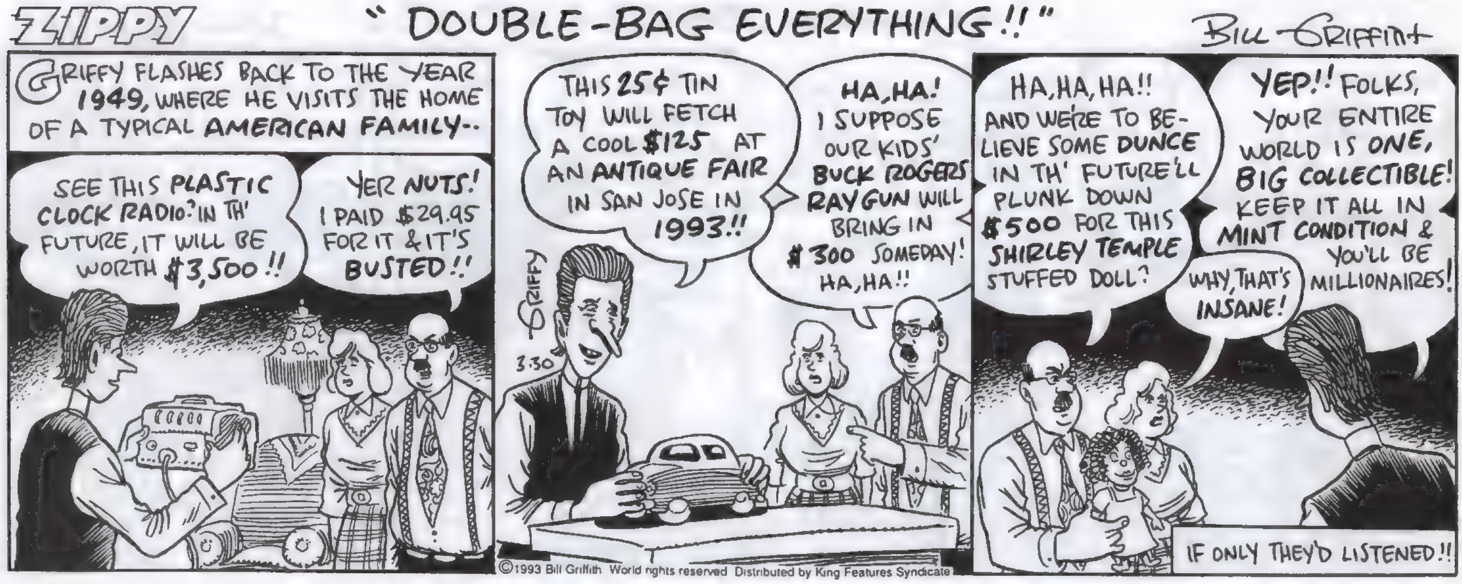
CAN ANYONE REALLY HAVE FUN ON "PLEASURE ISLAND"? DOES ANYONE REALLY LAUGH IN TH' "COMEDY WAREHOUSE"?
IT'S SO CLEAN!
STUBBLE FREE!
GRIFFY
TH' KEY FLAW IN DISNEY'S "FUN" CONCEPT IS IN MAKING DREAMS REAL.. DREAMS AREN'T REAL-- --THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM DREAMS!
UH-OH! I THINK I'M CHOKING ON AN EPCOT!
3.29
BUT, GRIFFY! WHAT ABOUT SALVADOR DALI?
DALI IS TH' DISNEY OF TH' ART WORLD!!


ZIPPY
"DOUBLE-BAG EVERYTHING!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY FLASHES BACK TO THE YEAR 1949, WHERE HE VISITS THE HOME OF A TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY..
SEE THIS PLASTIC CLOCK RADIO? IN TH' FUTURE, IT WILL BE WORTH $3,500!!
YER NUTS! I PAID $29.95 FOR IT & IT'S BUSTED!!
THIS 25¢ TIN TOY WILL FETCH A COOL $125 AT AN ANTIQUE FAIR IN SAN JOSE IN 1993!!
HA, HA! I SUPPOSE OUR KIDS' BUCK ROGERS RAYGUN WILL BRING IN $300 SOMEDAY! HA, HA!!
GRIFFY
3.30
HA, HA, HA!! AND WE'RE TO BELIEVE SOME DUNCE IN TH' FUTURE'LL PLUNK DOWN $500 FOR THIS SHIRLEY TEMPLE STUFFED DOLL?
YEP!! FOLKS, YOUR ENTIRE WORLD IS ONE, BIG COLLECTIBLE! KEEP IT ALL IN MINT CONDITION & YOU'LL BE MILLIONAIRES!
WHY, THAT'S INSANE!
IF ONLY THEY'D LISTENED!!
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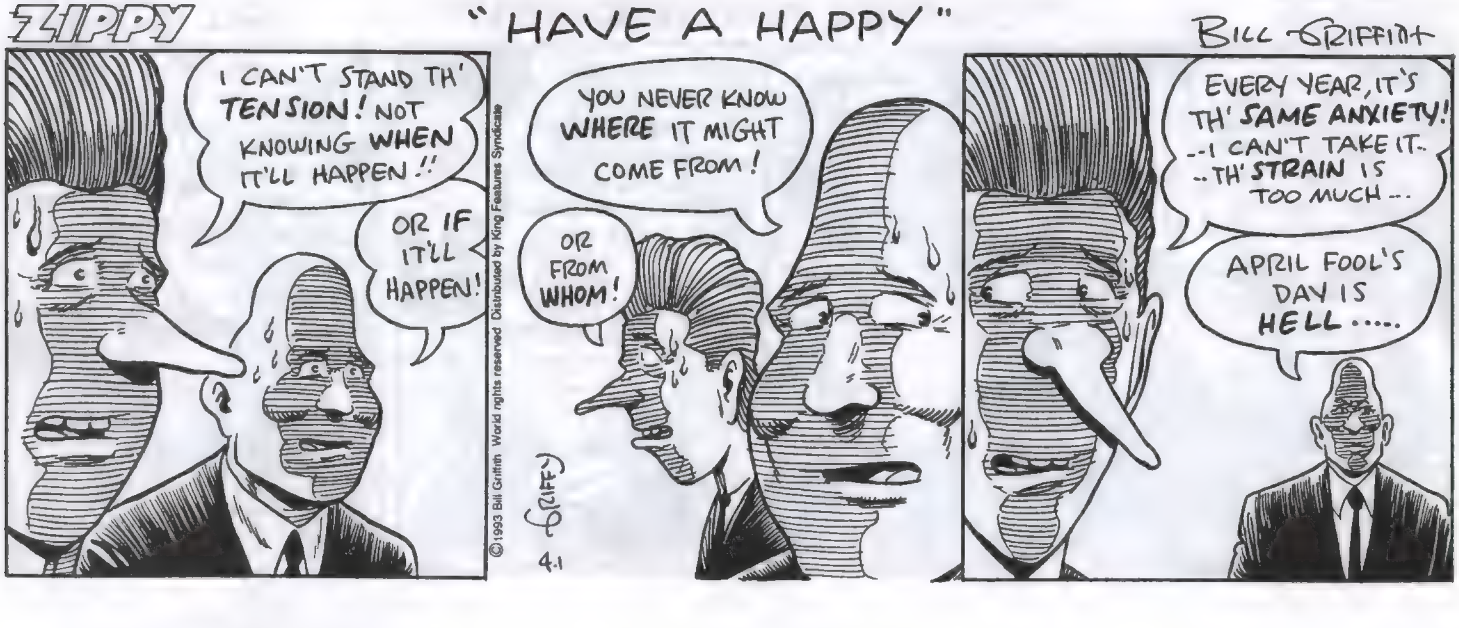
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"HAVE A HAPPY"
BILL GRIFFITH
I CAN'T STAND TH' TENSION! NOT KNOWING WHEN IT'LL HAPPEN!!
OR IF IT'LL HAPPEN!
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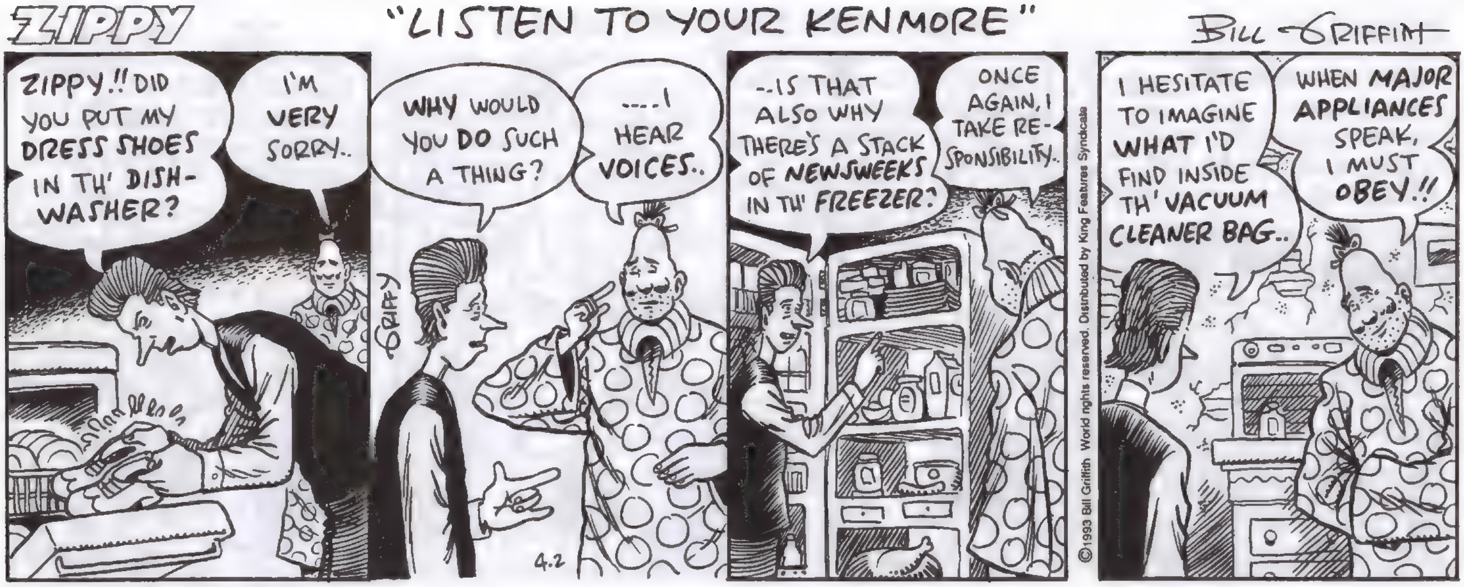
YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE IT MIGHT COME FROM!
OR FROM WHOM!
GRIFFY
4.1
EVERY YEAR, IT'S TH' SAME ANXIETY! --I CAN'T TAKE IT.. --TH' STRAIN IS TOO MUCH --.
APRIL FOOL'S DAY IS HELL.....


ZIPPY
"LISTEN TO YOUR KENMORE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY!! DID YOU PUT MY DRESS SHOES IN TH' DISHWASHER?
I'M VERY SORRY..
WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?
....I HEAR VOICES..
GRIFFY
4.2
--IS THAT ALSO WHY THERE'S A STACK OF NEWSWEEKS IN TH' FREEZER?
ONCE AGAIN, I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY..
I HESITATE TO IMAGINE WHAT I'D FIND INSIDE TH' VACUUM CLEANER BAG..
WHEN MAJOR APPLIANCES SPEAK, I MUST OBEY.!!

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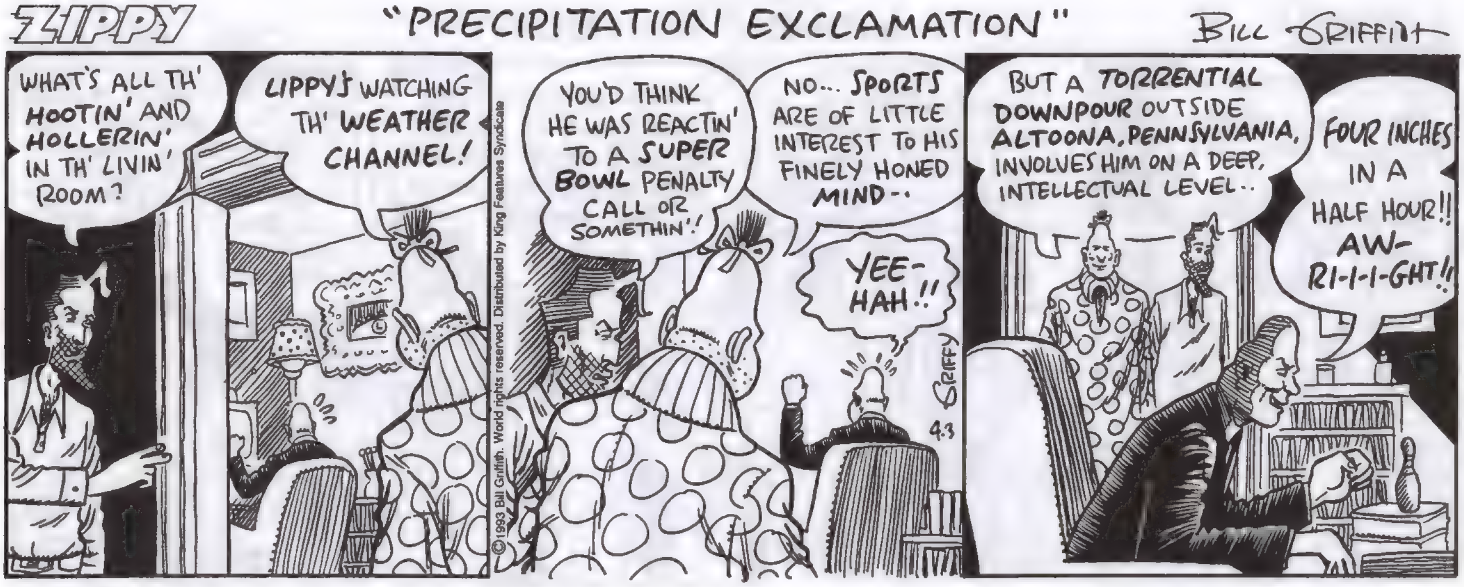
ZIPPY
"PRECIPITATION EXCLAMATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S ALL TH' HOOTIN' AND HOLLERIN' IN TH' LIVIN' ROOM?
LIPPY'S WATCHING TH' WEATHER CHANNEL!
YOU'D THINK HE WAS REACTIN' TO A SUPER BOWL PENALTY CALL OR SOMETHIN'!
NO... SPORTS ARE OF LITTLE INTEREST TO HIS FINELY HONED MIND--
YEE-HAH!!
GRIFFY
4.3
BUT A TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR OUTSIDE ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, INVOLVES HIM ON A DEEP, INTELLECTUAL LEVEL..
FOUR INCHES IN A HALF HOUR!! AW-RI-I-I-GHT!!

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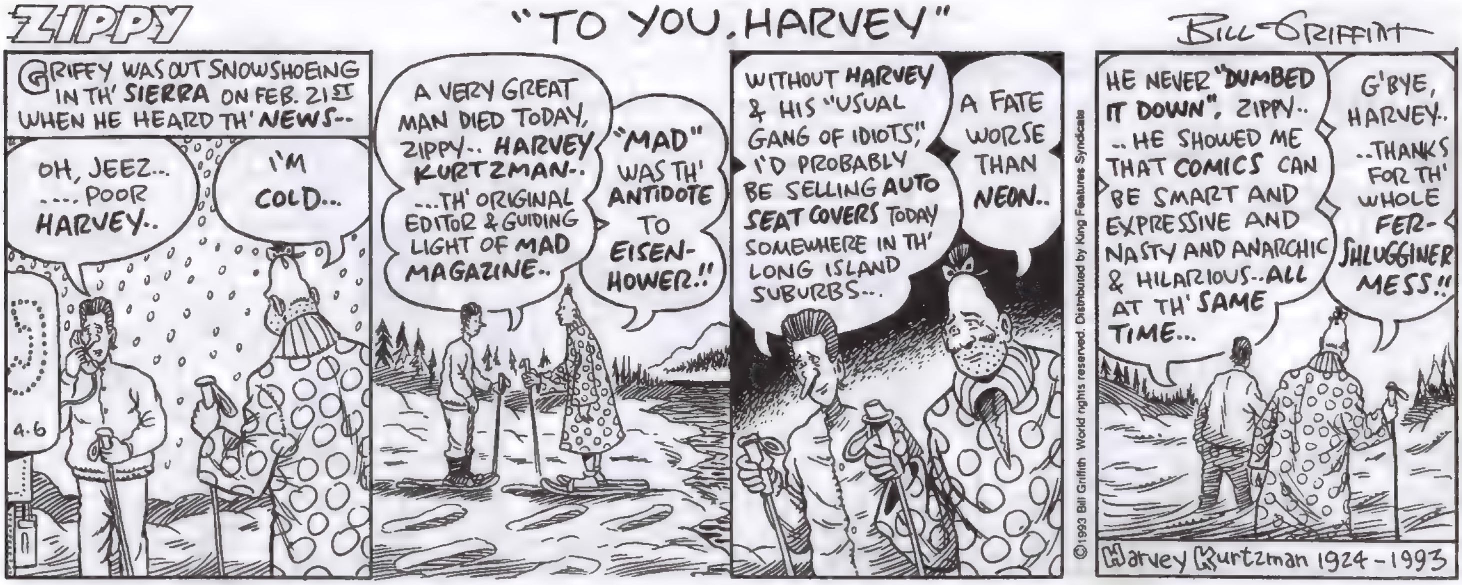
ZIPPY
"TO YOU, HARVEY"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY WAS OUT SNOWSHOEING IN TH' SIERRA ON FEB. 21ST WHEN HE HEARD TH' NEWS--
OH, JEEZ... ....POOR HARVEY..
I'M COLD...
4.6
A VERY GREAT MAN DIED TODAY, ZIPPY.. HARVEY KURTZMAN.. ...TH' ORIGINAL EDITOR & GUIDING LIGHT OF MAD MAGAZINE..
"MAD" WAS TH' ANTIDOTE TO EISENHOWER!!
WITHOUT HARVEY & HIS "USUAL GANG OF IDIOTS," I'D PROBABLY BE SELLING AUTO SEAT COVERS TODAY SOMEWHERE IN TH' LONG ISLAND SUBURBS...
A FATE WORSE THAN NEON..
HE NEVER "DUMBED IT DOWN", ZIPPY.. ..HE SHOWED ME THAT COMICS CAN BE SMART AND EXPRESSIVE AND NASTY AND ANARCHIC & HILARIOUS..ALL AT TH' SAME TIME...
G'BYE, HARVEY.. ..THANKS FOR TH' WHOLE FERSHLUGGINER MESS!!
Harvey Kurtzman 1924-1993

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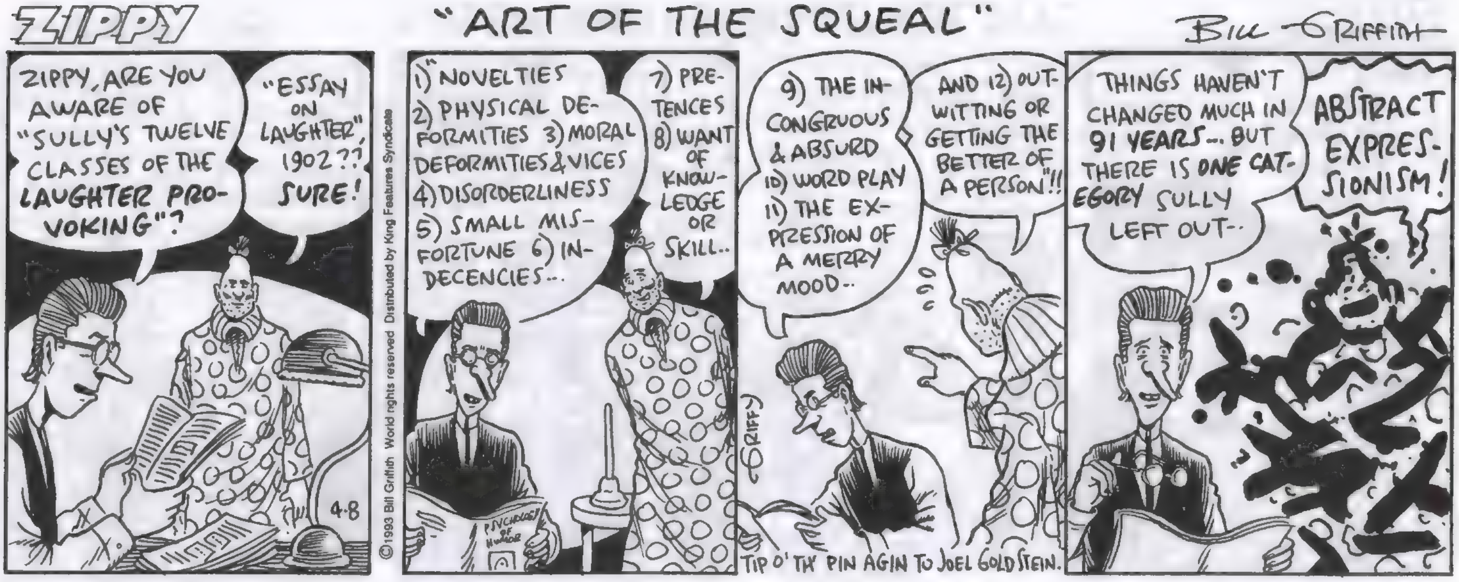
ZIPPY
"ART OF THE SQUEAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, ARE YOU AWARE OF "SULLY'S TWELVE CLASSES OF THE LAUGHTER PROVOKING"?
"ESSAY ON LAUGHTER", 1902?? SURE!
4-8
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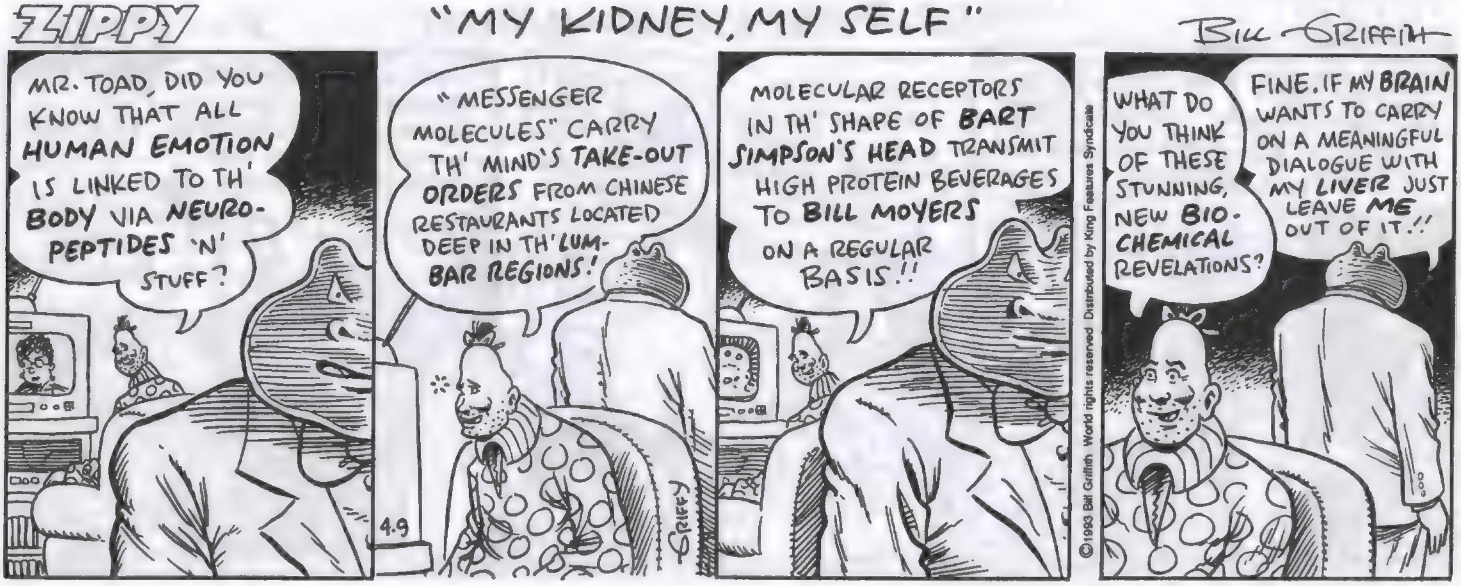
1) "NOVELTIES 2) PHYSICAL DEFORMITIES 3) MORAL DEFORMITIES & VICES 4) DISORDERLINESS 5) SMALL MISFORTUNE 6) INDECENCIES...
7) PRETENCES 8) WANT OF KNOWLEDGE OR SKILL...
PSYCHOLOGY OF HUMOR
9) THE INCONGRUOUS & ABSURD 10) WORD PLAY 11) THE EXPRESSION OF A MERRY MOOD...
AND 12) OUTWITTING OR GETTING THE BETTER OF A PERSON"!!
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN AGIN TO JOEL GOLDSTEIN.
THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH IN 91 YEARS... BUT THERE IS ONE CATEGORY SULLY LEFT OUT..
ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM!


ZIPPY
"MY KIDNEY, MY SELF"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, DID YOU KNOW THAT ALL HUMAN EMOTION IS LINKED TO TH' BODY VIA NEUROPEPTIDES 'N' STUFF?
"MESSENGER MOLECULES" CARRY TH' MIND'S TAKE-OUT ORDERS FROM CHINESE RESTAURANTS LOCATED DEEP IN TH' LUMBAR REGIONS!
4-9
GRIFFY
MOLECULAR RECEPTORS IN TH' SHAPE OF BART SIMPSON'S HEAD TRANSMIT HIGH PROTEIN BEVERAGES TO BILL MOYERS ON A REGULAR BASIS!!
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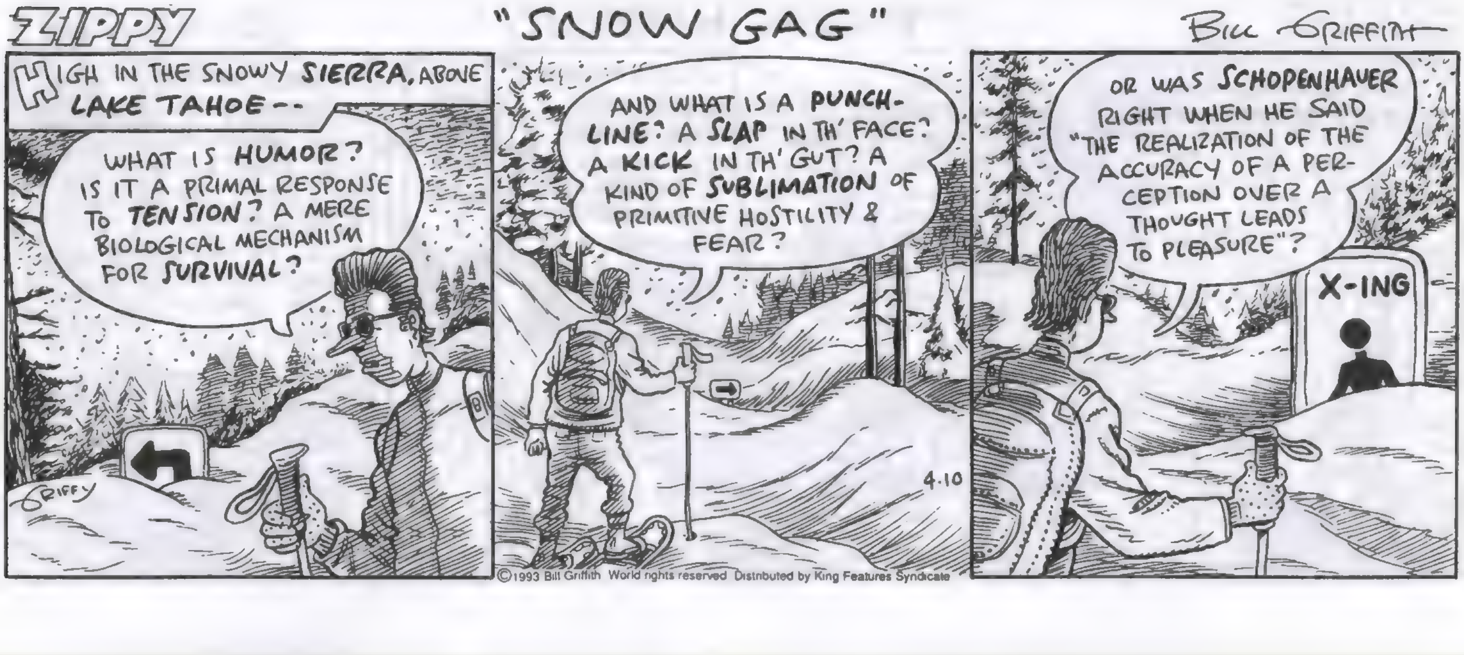
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE STUNNING, NEW BIOCHEMICAL REVELATIONS?
FINE. IF MY BRAIN WANTS TO CARRY ON A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH MY LIVER JUST LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!!


ZIPPY
"SNOW GAG"
BILL GRIFFITH
HIGH IN THE SNOWY SIERRA, ABOVE LAKE TAHOE--
WHAT IS HUMOR? IS IT A PRIMAL RESPONSE TO TENSION? A MERE BIOLOGICAL MECHANISM FOR SURVIVAL?
GRIFFY
AND WHAT IS A PUNCHLINE? A SLAP IN TH' FACE? A KICK IN TH' GUT? A KIND OF SUBLIMATION OF PRIMITIVE HOSTILITY & FEAR?
4-10
OR WAS SCHOPENHAUER RIGHT WHEN HE SAID "THE REALIZATION OF THE ACCURACY OF A PERCEPTION OVER A THOUGHT LEADS TO PLEASURE"?
X-ING
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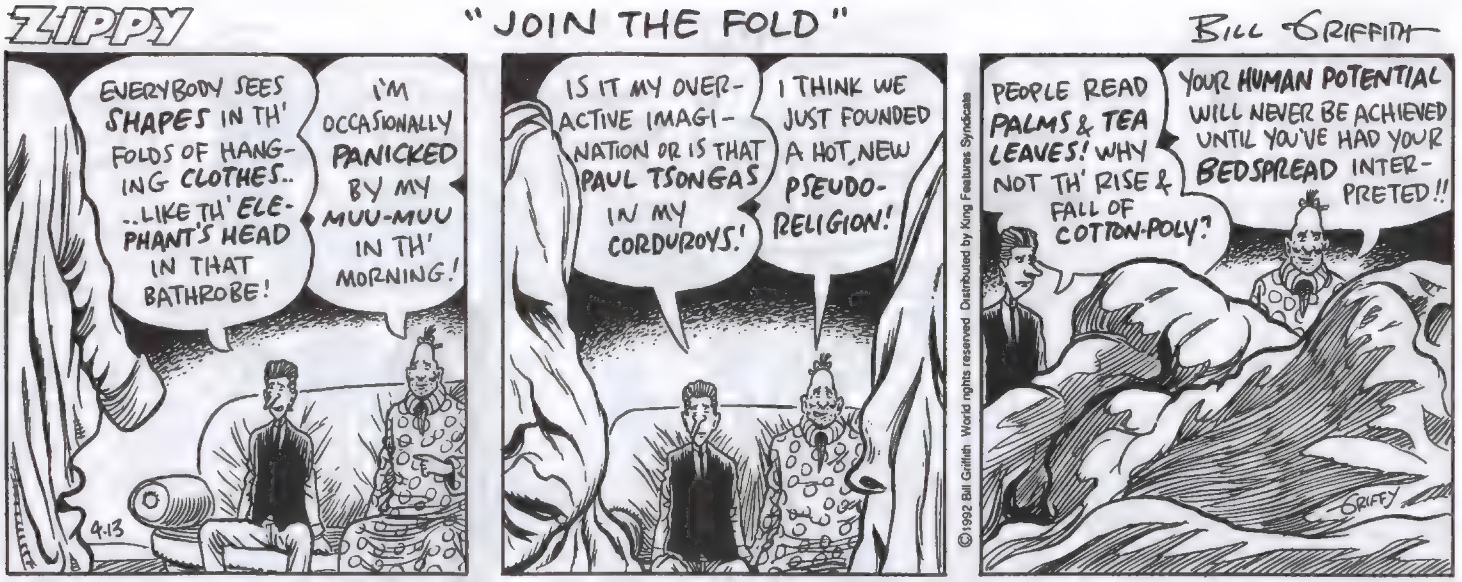
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"JOIN THE FOLD"
BILL GRIFFITH
EVERYBODY SEES SHAPES IN TH' FOLDS OF HANGING CLOTHES.. ..LIKE TH' ELEPHANT'S HEAD IN THAT BATHROBE!
I'M OCCASIONALLY PANICKED BY MY MUU-MUU IN TH' MORNING!
4.13
IS IT MY OVER-ACTIVE IMAGINATION OR IS THAT PAUL TSONGAS IN MY CORDUROYS!
I THINK WE JUST FOUNDED A HOT, NEW PSEUDO-RELIGION!
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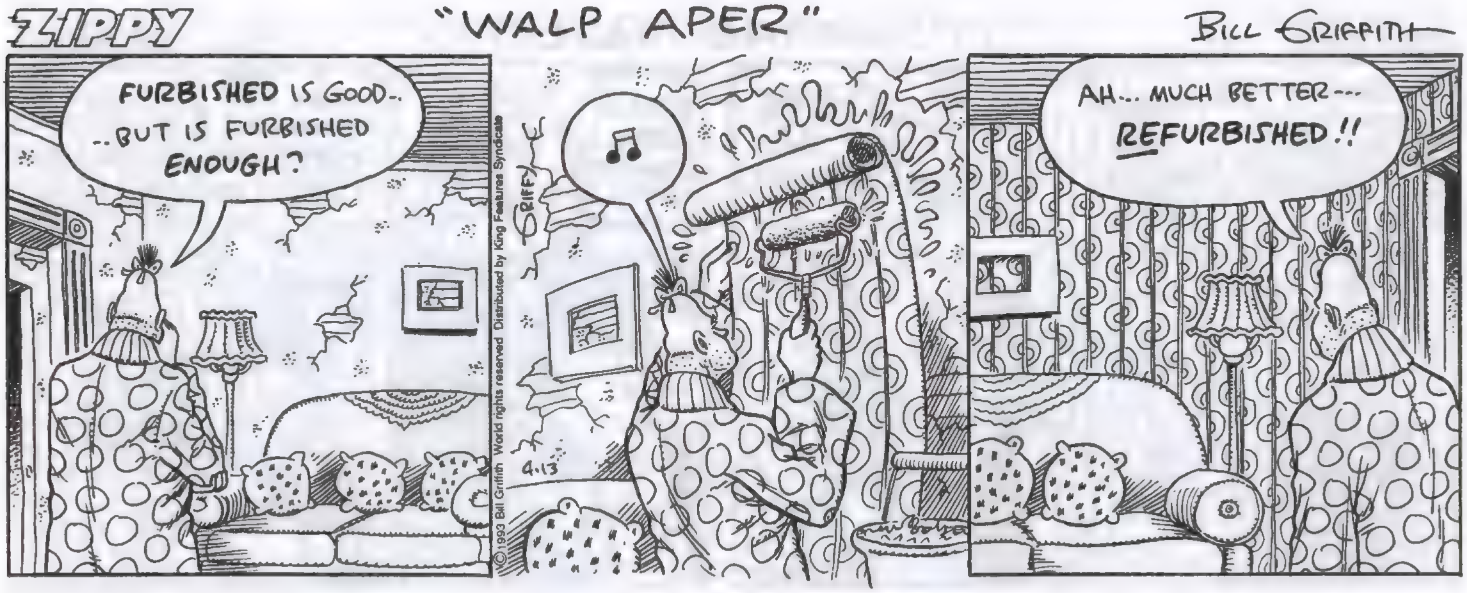
PEOPLE READ PALMS & TEA LEAVES! WHY NOT TH' RISE & FALL OF COTTON-POLY?
YOUR HUMAN POTENTIAL WILL NEVER BE ACHIEVED UNTIL YOU'VE HAD YOUR BEDSPREAD INTERPRETED!!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"WALP APER"
BILL GRIFFITH
FURBISHED IS GOOD.. ..BUT IS FURBISHED ENOUGH?
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GRIFFY
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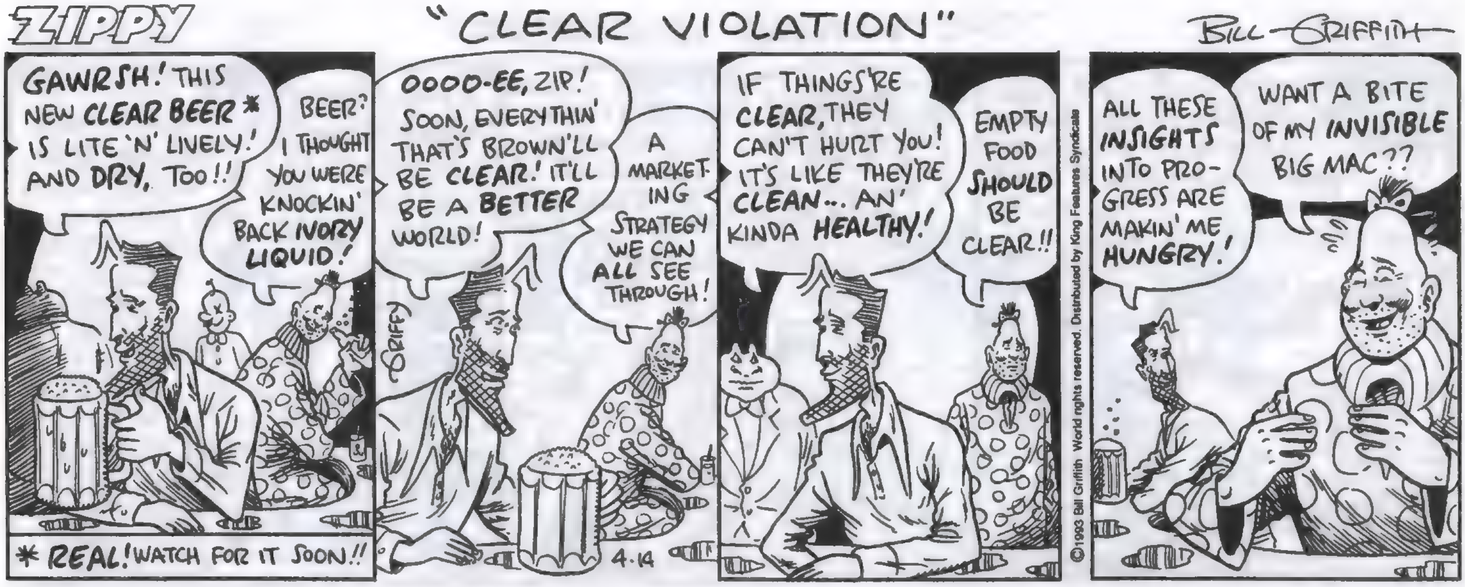
4.13
AH... MUCH BETTER--- REFURBISHED!!


ZIPPY
"CLEAR VIOLATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
GAWRSH! THIS NEW CLEAR BEER* IS LITE 'N' LIVELY! AND DRY, TOO!!
BEER? I THOUGHT YOU WERE KNOCKIN' BACK IVORY LIQUID!
* REAL! WATCH FOR IT SOON!!
OOOO-EE, ZIP! SOON, EVERYTHIN' THAT'S BROWN'LL BE CLEAR! IT'LL BE A BETTER WORLD!
A MARKETING STRATEGY WE CAN ALL SEE THROUGH!
GRIFFY
4.14
IF THINGS'RE CLEAR, THEY CAN'T HURT YOU! IT'S LIKE THEY'RE CLEAN... AN' KINDA HEALTHY!
EMPTY FOOD SHOULD BE CLEAR!!
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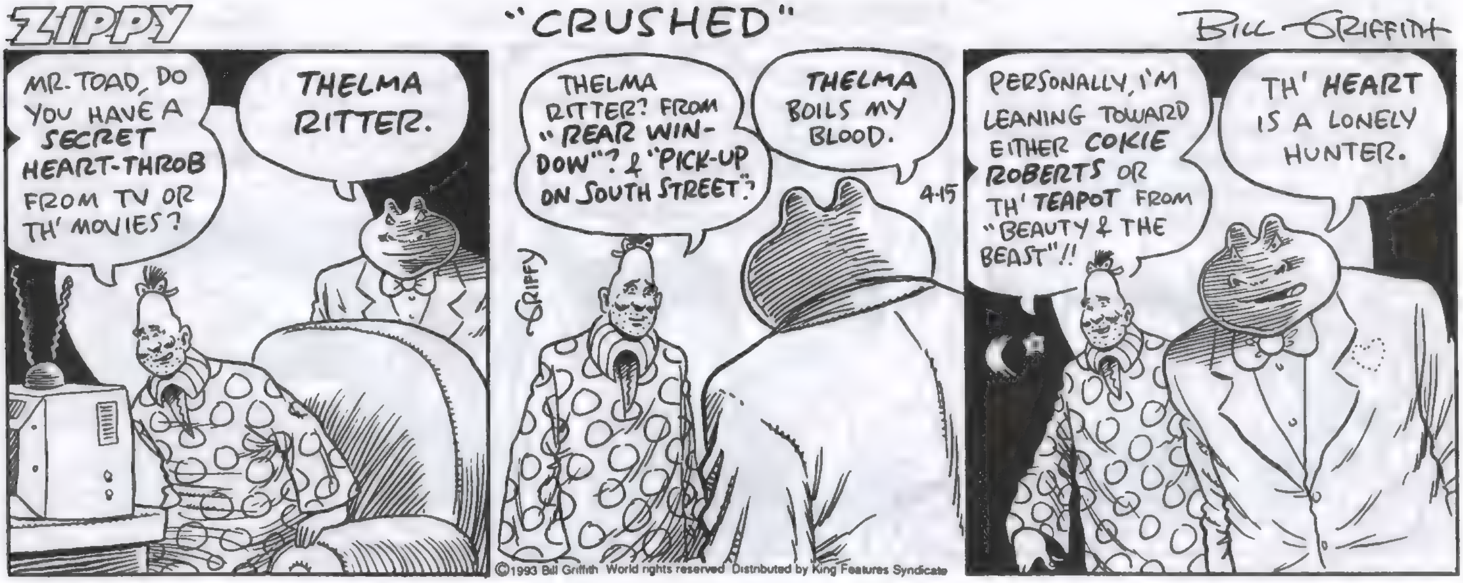
ALL THESE INSIGHTS INTO PROGRESS ARE MAKIN' ME HUNGRY!
WANT A BITE OF MY INVISIBLE BIG MAC??


ZIPPY
"CRUSHED"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, DO YOU HAVE A SECRET HEART-THROB FROM TV OR TH' MOVIES?
THELMA RITTER.
THELMA RITTER? FROM "REAR WINDOW"? & "PICK-UP ON SOUTH STREET"?
THELMA BOILS MY BLOOD.
4·15
GRIFFY
PERSONALLY, I'M LEANING TOWARD EITHER COKIE ROBERTS OR TH' TEAPOT FROM "BEAUTY & THE BEAST"!!
TH' HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER.
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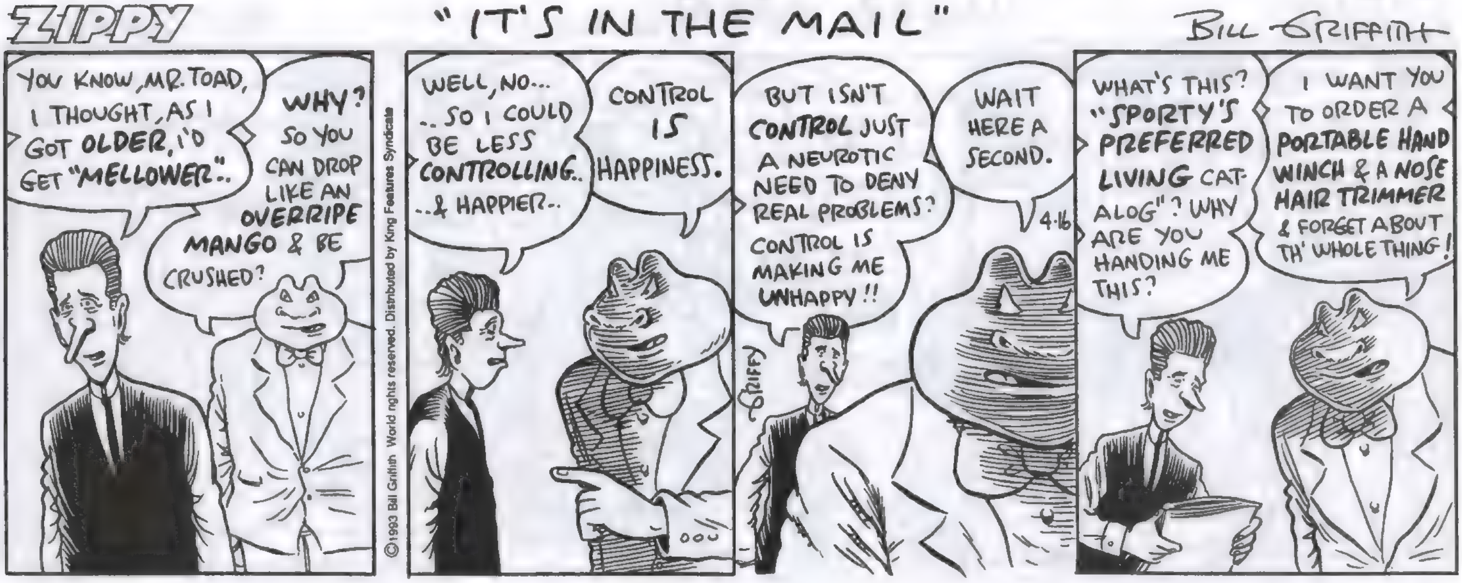
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"IT'S IN THE MAIL"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW, MR. TOAD, I THOUGHT, AS I GOT OLDER, I'D GET "MELLOWER"..
WHY? SO YOU CAN DROP LIKE AN OVERRIPE MANGO & BE CRUSHED?
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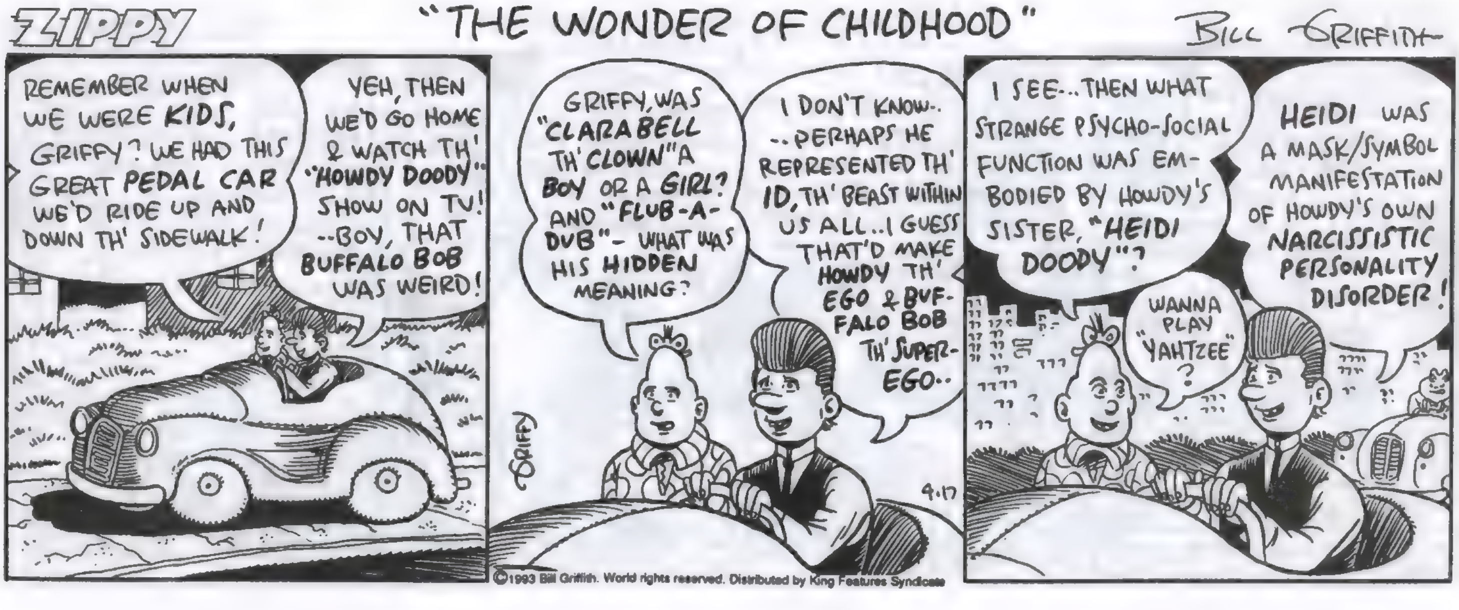
WELL, NO... ..SO I COULD BE LESS CONTROLLING.. ..& HAPPIER..
CONTROL IS HAPPINESS.
BUT ISN'T CONTROL JUST A NEUROTIC NEED TO DENY REAL PROBLEMS? CONTROL IS MAKING ME UNHAPPY!!
WAIT HERE A SECOND.
4·16
GRIFFY
WHAT'S THIS? "SPORTY'S PREFERRED LIVING CATALOG"? WHY ARE YOU HANDING ME THIS?
I WANT YOU TO ORDER A PORTABLE HAND WINCH & A NOSE HAIR TRIMMER & FORGET ABOUT TH' WHOLE THING!


ZIPPY
"THE WONDER OF CHILDHOOD"
BILL GRIFFITH
REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE KIDS, GRIFFY? WE HAD THIS GREAT PEDAL CAR WE'D RIDE UP AND DOWN TH' SIDEWALK!
YEH, THEN WE'D GO HOME & WATCH TH' "HOWDY DOODY" SHOW ON TV! --BOY, THAT BUFFALO BOB WAS WEIRD!
GRIFFY, WAS "CLARABELL TH' CLOWN" A BOY OR A GIRL? AND "FLUB-A-DUB" - WHAT WAS HIS HIDDEN MEANING?
I DON'T KNOW.. ..PERHAPS HE REPRESENTED TH' ID, TH' BEAST WITHIN US ALL.. I GUESS THAT'D MAKE HOWDY TH' EGO & BUFFALO BOB TH' SUPER-EGO..
GRIFFY
4·17
I SEE.. THEN WHAT STRANGE PSYCHO-SOCIAL FUNCTION WAS EMBODIED BY HOWDY'S SISTER, "HEIDI DOODY"?
HEIDI WAS A MASK/SYMBOL MANIFESTATION OF HOWDY'S OWN NARCISSISTIC PERSONALITY DISORDER!
WANNA PLAY "YAHTZEE"?
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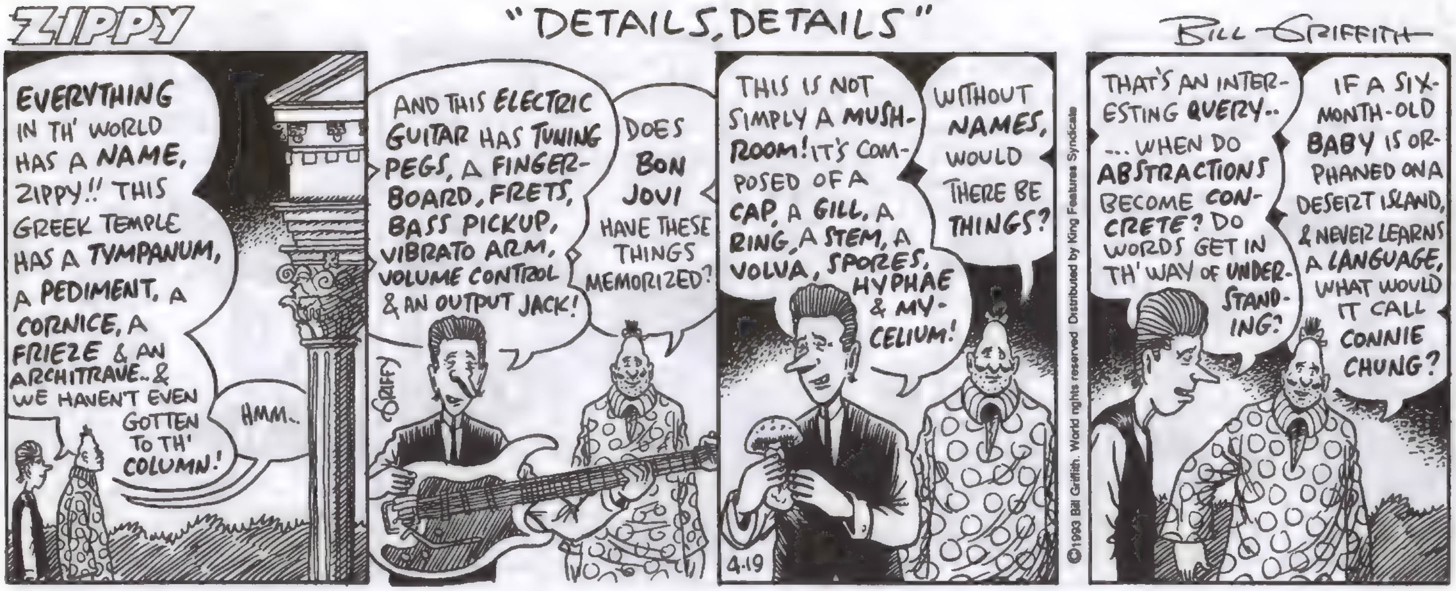
ZIPPY
"DETAILS, DETAILS"
BILL GRIFFITH
EVERYTHING IN TH' WORLD HAS A NAME, ZIPPY!! THIS GREEK TEMPLE HAS A TYMPANUM, A PEDIMENT, A CORNICE, A FRIEZE & AN ARCHITRAVE.. & WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO TH' COLUMN!
HMM..
AND THIS ELECTRIC GUITAR HAS TUNING PEGS, A FINGER-BOARD, FRETS, BASS PICKUP, VIBRATO ARM, VOLUME CONTROL & AN OUTPUT JACK!
DOES BON JOVI HAVE THESE THINGS MEMORIZED?
GRIFFY
THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A MUSHROOM! IT'S COMPOSED OF A CAP, A GILL, A RING, A STEM, A VOLVA, SPORES, HYPHAE & MYCELIUM!
WITHOUT NAMES, WOULD THERE BE THINGS?
4-19
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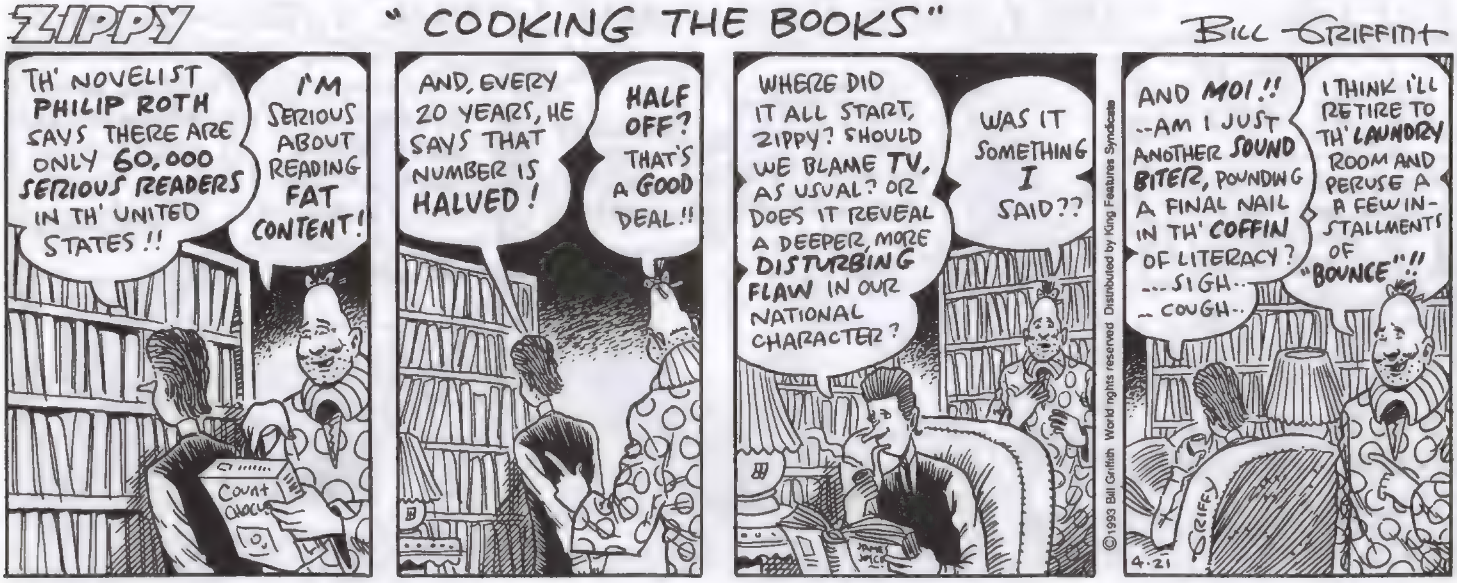
THAT'S AN INTERESTING QUERY.. ... WHEN DO ABSTRACTIONS BECOME CONCRETE? DO WORDS GET IN TH' WAY OF UNDERSTANDING?
IF A SIX-MONTH-OLD BABY IS ORPHANED ON A DESERT ISLAND, & NEVER LEARNS A LANGUAGE, WHAT WOULD IT CALL CONNIE CHUNG?


ZIPPY
"COOKING THE BOOKS"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' NOVELIST PHILIP ROTH SAYS THERE ARE ONLY 60,000 SERIOUS READERS IN TH' UNITED STATES!!
I'M SERIOUS ABOUT READING FAT CONTENT!
Count Chocula
AND, EVERY 20 YEARS, HE SAYS THAT NUMBER IS HALVED!
HALF OFF? THAT'S A GOOD DEAL!!
WHERE DID IT ALL START, ZIPPY? SHOULD WE BLAME TV, AS USUAL? OR DOES IT REVEAL A DEEPER, MORE DISTURBING FLAW IN OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER?
WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID??
JAMES JOYCE
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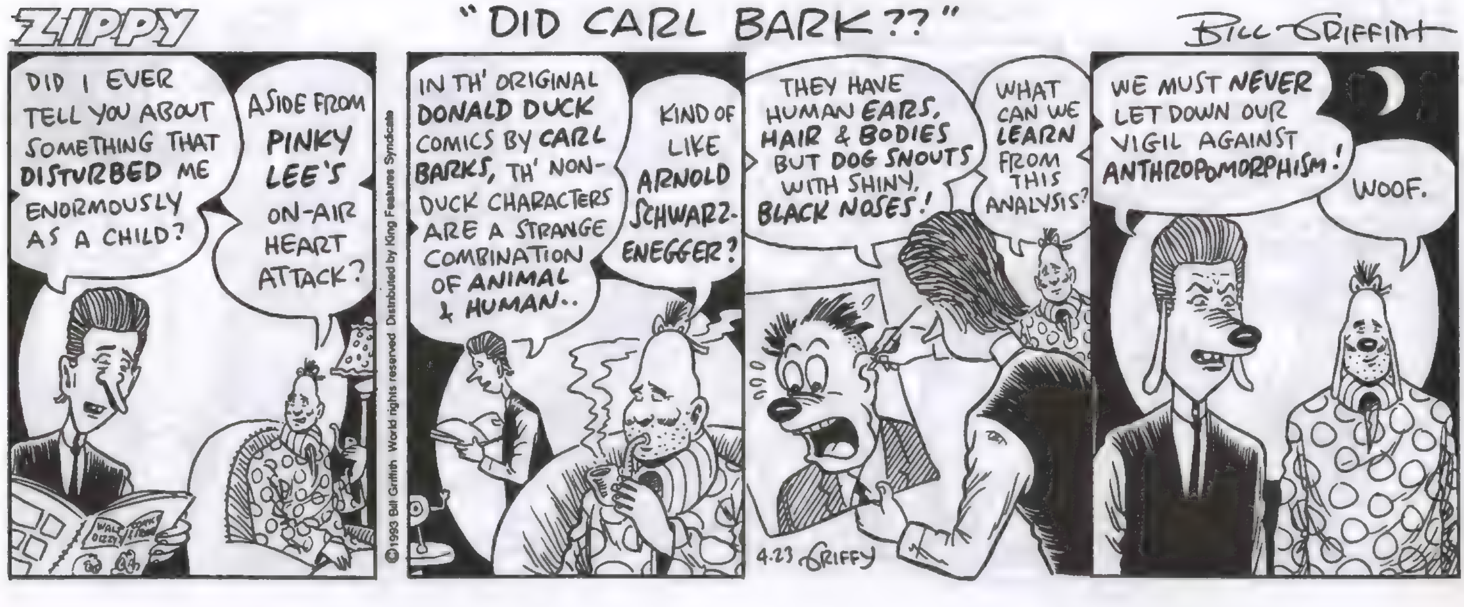
AND MOI!! --AM I JUST ANOTHER SOUND BITER, POUNDING A FINAL NAIL IN TH' COFFIN OF LITERACY? ---SIGH.. -- COUGH..
I THINK I'LL RETIRE TO TH' LAUNDRY ROOM AND PERUSE A A FEW INSTALLMENTS OF "BOUNCE"!!
GRIFFY
4-21


ZIPPY
"DID CARL BARK??"
BILL GRIFFITH
DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT SOMETHING THAT DISTURBED ME ENORMOUSLY AS A CHILD?
ASIDE FROM PINKY LEE'S ON-AIR HEART ATTACK?
WALT DIZZY
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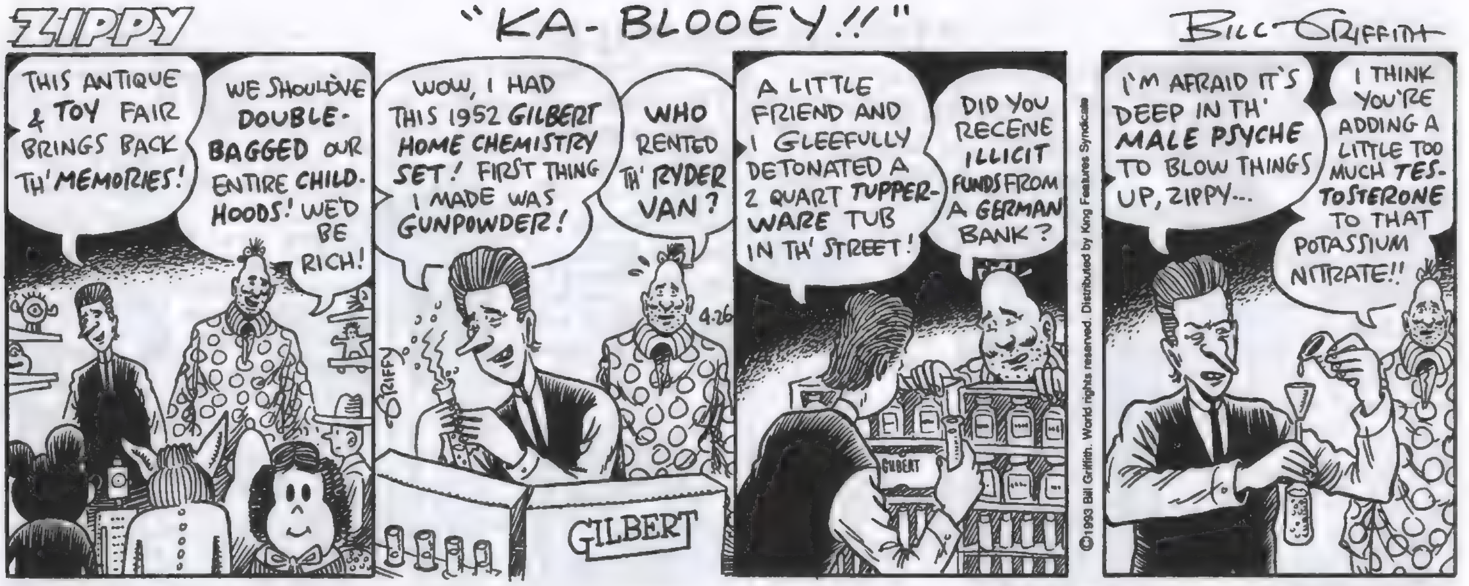
IN TH' ORIGINAL DONALD DUCK COMICS BY CARL BARKS, TH' NON-DUCK CHARACTERS ARE A STRANGE COMBINATION OF ANIMAL & HUMAN..
KIND OF LIKE ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER?
THEY HAVE HUMAN EARS, HAIR & BODIES BUT DOG SNOUTS WITH SHINY, BLACK NOSES!
WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS ANALYSIS?
4-23 GRIFFY
WE MUST NEVER LET DOWN OUR VIGIL AGAINST ANTHROPOMORPHISM!
WOOF.


ZIPPY
"KA-BLOOEY!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS ANTIQUE & TOY FAIR BRINGS BACK TH' MEMORIES!
WE SHOULD'VE DOUBLE-BAGGED OUR ENTIRE CHILDHOODS! WE'D BE RICH!
WOW, I HAD THIS 1952 GILBERT HOME CHEMISTRY SET! FIRST THING I MADE WAS GUNPOWDER!
WHO RENTED TH' RYDER VAN?
4-26
GRIFFY
GILBERT
A LITTLE FRIEND AND I GLEEFULLY DETONATED A 2 QUART TUPPERWARE TUB IN TH' STREET!
DID YOU RECEIVE ILLICIT FUNDS FROM A GERMAN BANK?
GILBERT
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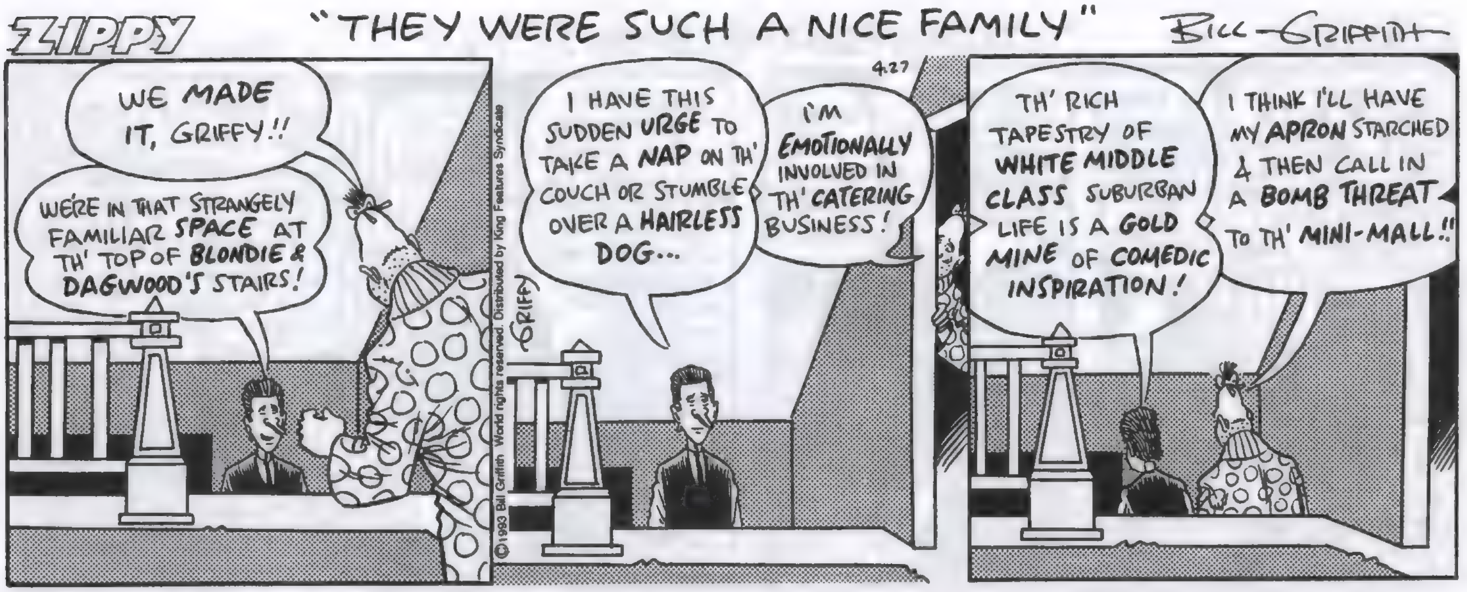
I'M AFRAID IT'S DEEP IN TH' MALE PSYCHE TO BLOW THINGS UP, ZIPPY...
I THINK YOU'RE ADDING A LITTLE TOO MUCH TESTOSTERONE TO THAT POTASSIUM NITRATE!!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"THEY WERE SUCH A NICE FAMILY"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE MADE IT, GRIFFY!!
WE'RE IN THAT STRANGELY FAMILIAR SPACE AT TH' TOP OF BLONDIE & DAGWOOD'S STAIRS!
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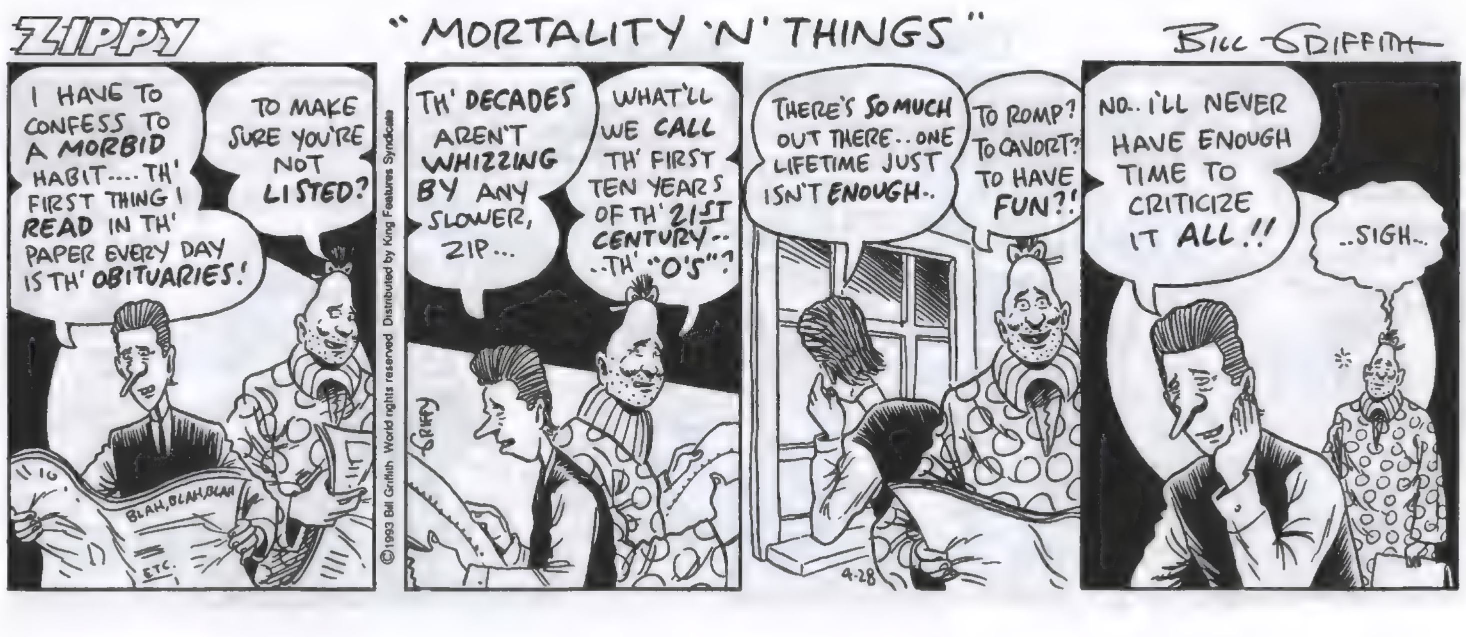
GRIFFY
4-27
I HAVE THIS SUDDEN URGE TO TAKE A NAP ON TH' COUCH OR STUMBLE OVER A HAIRLESS DOG...
I'M EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN TH' CATERING BUSINESS!
TH' RICH TAPESTRY OF WHITE MIDDLE CLASS SUBURBAN LIFE IS A GOLD MINE OF COMEDIC INSPIRATION!
I THINK I'LL HAVE MY APRON STARCHED & THEN CALL IN A BOMB THREAT TO TH' MINI-MALL!!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"MORTALITY 'N' THINGS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I HAVE TO CONFESS TO A MORBID HABIT.... TH' FIRST THING I READ IN TH' PAPER EVERY DAY IS TH' OBITUARIES!
TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT LISTED?
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BLAH, BLAH, BLAH
ETC.
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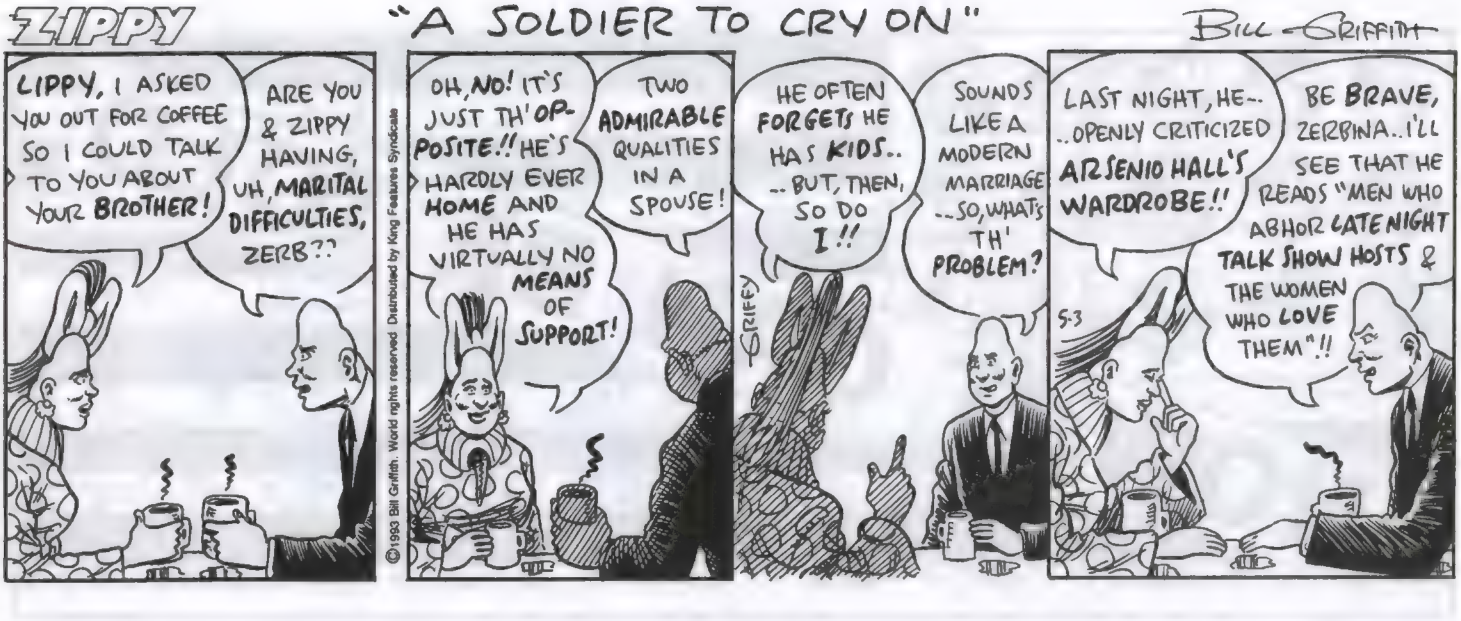
TH' DECADES AREN'T WHIZZING BY ANY SLOWER, ZIP...
WHAT'LL WE CALL TH' FIRST TEN YEARS OF TH' 21ST CENTURY.. ..TH' "O'S"?
GRIFFY
THERE'S SO MUCH OUT THERE.. ONE LIFETIME JUST ISN'T ENOUGH..
TO ROMP? TO CAVORT? TO HAVE FUN?!
4-28
NO.. I'LL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CRITICIZE IT ALL!!
..SIGH..


ZIPPY
"A SOLDIER TO CRY ON"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY, I ASKED YOU OUT FOR COFFEE SO I COULD TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR BROTHER!
ARE YOU & ZIPPY HAVING, UH, MARITAL DIFFICULTIES, ZERB??
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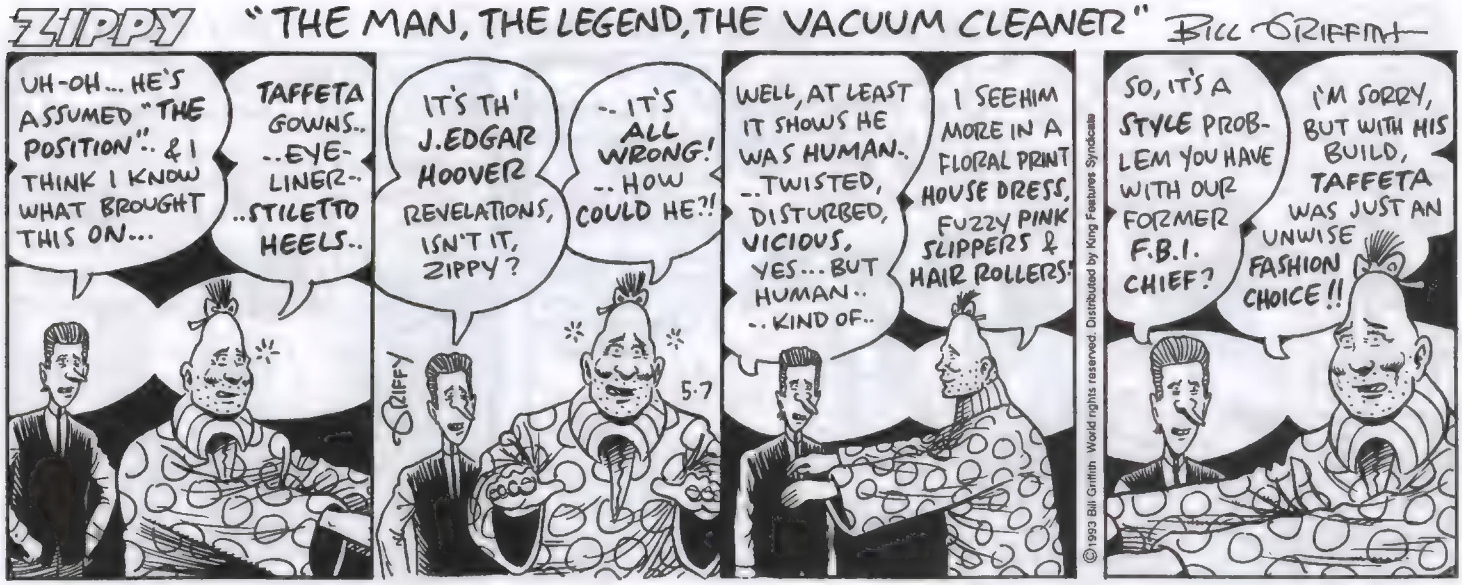
OH, NO! IT'S JUST TH' OPPOSITE!! HE'S HARDLY EVER HOME AND HE HAS VIRTUALLY NO MEANS OF SUPPORT!
TWO ADMIRABLE QUALITIES IN A SPOUSE!
GRIFFY
HE OFTEN FORGETS HE HAS KIDS.. ..BUT, THEN, SO DO I!!
SOUNDS LIKE A MODERN MARRIAGE ..SO, WHAT'S TH' PROBLEM?
5-3
LAST NIGHT, HE-- ..OPENLY CRITICIZED ARSENIO HALL'S WARDROBE!!
BE BRAVE, ZERBINA.. I'LL SEE THAT HE READS "MEN WHO ABHOR LATE NIGHT TALK SHOW HOSTS & THE WOMEN WHO LOVE THEM"!!


ZIPPY
"THE MAN, THE LEGEND, THE VACUUM CLEANER"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH... HE'S ASSUMED "THE POSITION".. & I THINK I KNOW WHAT BROUGHT THIS ON...
TAFFETA GOWNS.. ..EYE-LINER-- ..STILETTO HEELS..
IT'S TH' J. EDGAR HOOVER REVELATIONS, ISN'T IT, ZIPPY?
-- IT'S ALL WRONG! -- HOW COULD HE?!
GRIFFY
5-7
WELL, AT LEAST IT SHOWS HE WAS HUMAN.. ..TWISTED, DISTURBED, VICIOUS, YES... BUT HUMAN.. ..KIND OF..
I SEE HIM MORE IN A FLORAL PRINT HOUSE DRESS, FUZZY PINK SLIPPERS & HAIR ROLLERS!
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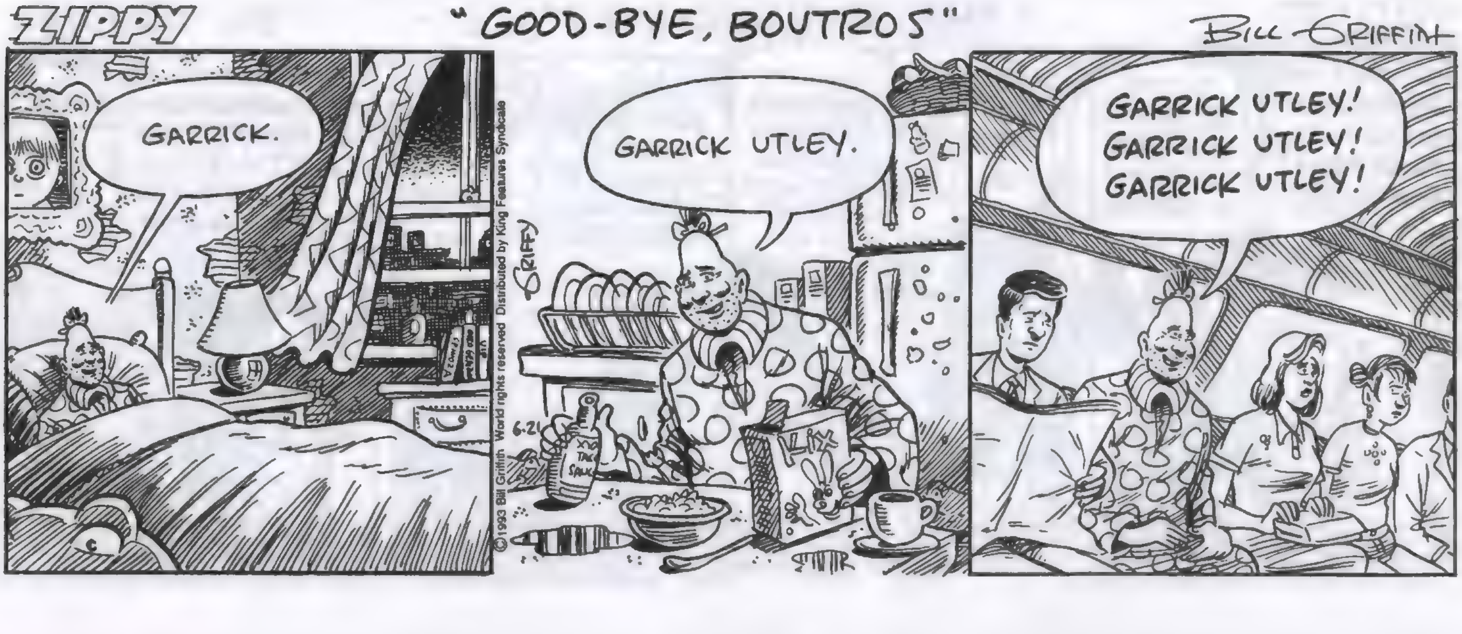
SO, IT'S A STYLE PROBLEM YOU HAVE WITH OUR FORMER F.B.I. CHIEF?
I'M SORRY, BUT WITH HIS BUILD, TAFFETA WAS JUST AN UNWISE FASHION CHOICE!!


ZIPPY
"GOOD-BYE, BOUTROS"
BILL GRIFFITH
GARRICK.
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GRIFFY
GARRICK UTLEY.
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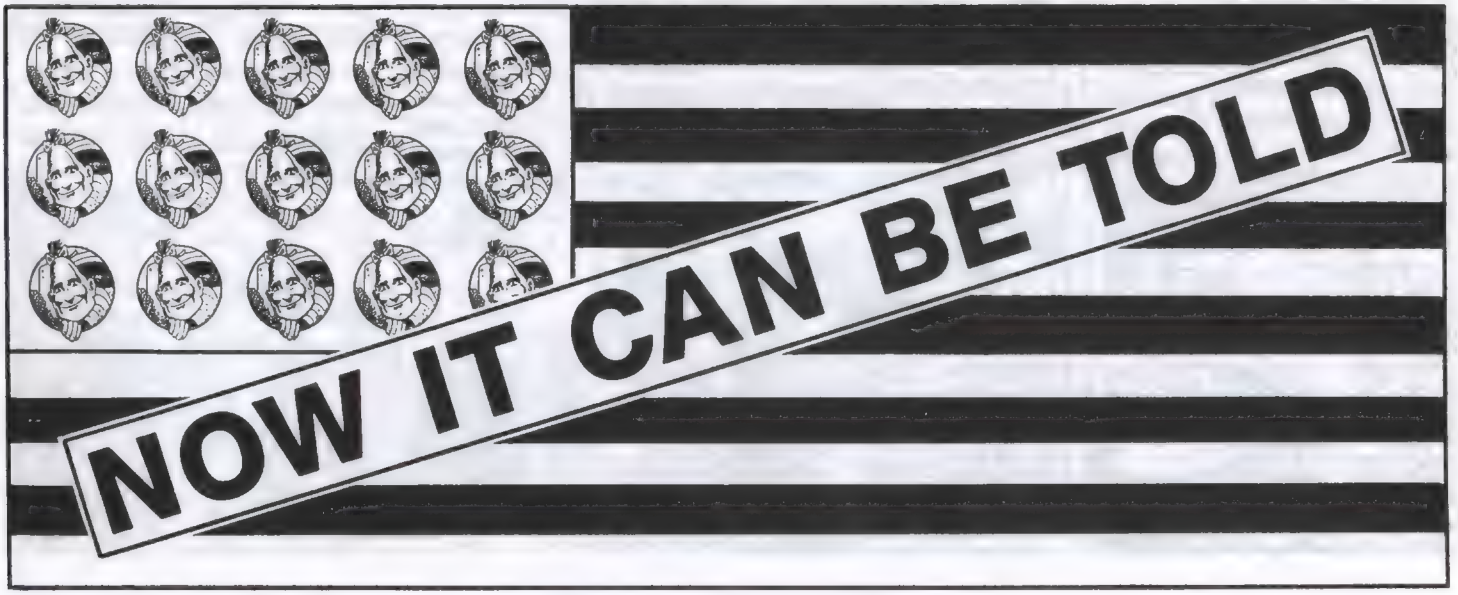
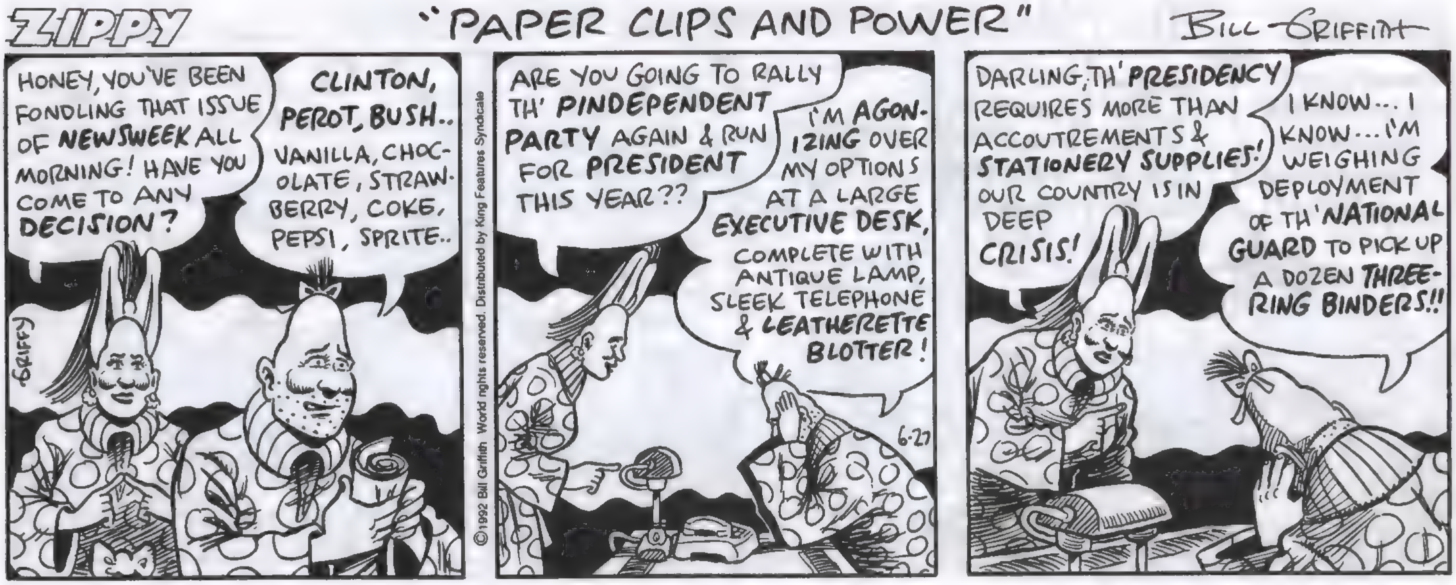
KIX
GARRICK UTLEY! GARRICK UTLEY! GARRICK UTLEY!


NOW IT CAN BE TOLD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"PAPER CLIPS AND POWER"
BILL GRIFFITH
HONEY, YOU'VE BEEN FONDLING THAT ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK ALL MORNING! HAVE YOU COME TO ANY DECISION?
CLINTON, PEROT, BUSH.. VANILLA, CHOCOLATE, STRAWBERRY, COKE, PEPSI, SPRITE..
GRIFFY
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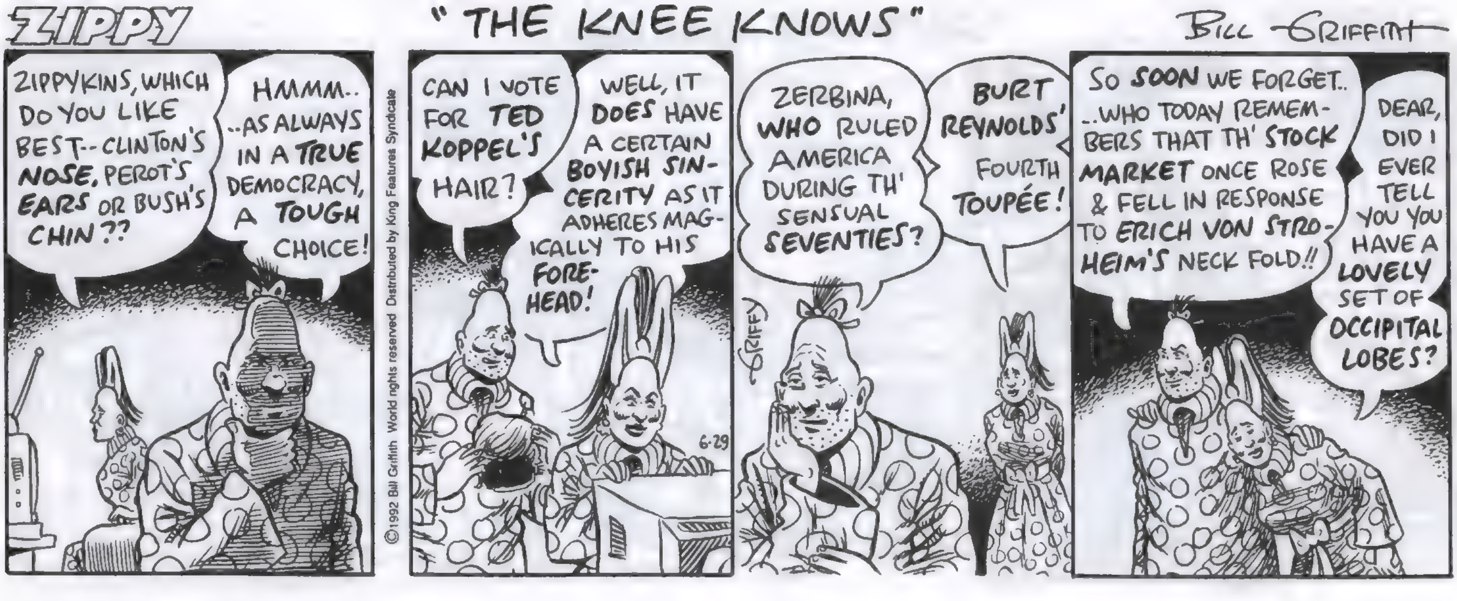
ARE YOU GOING TO RALLY TH' PINDEPENDENT PARTY AGAIN & RUN FOR PRESIDENT THIS YEAR??
I'M AGONIZING OVER MY OPTIONS AT A LARGE EXECUTIVE DESK, COMPLETE WITH ANTIQUE LAMP, SLEEK TELEPHONE & LEATHERETTE BLOTTER!
6-27
DARLING, TH' PRESIDENCY REQUIRES MORE THAN ACCOUTREMENTS & STATIONERY SUPPLIES! OUR COUNTRY IS IN DEEP CRISIS!
I KNOW... I KNOW... I'M WEIGHING DEPLOYMENT OF TH' NATIONAL GUARD TO PICK UP A DOZEN THREE-RING BINDERS!!


ZIPPY
"THE KNEE KNOWS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPYKINS, WHICH DO YOU LIKE BEST-- CLINTON'S NOSE, PEROT'S EARS OR BUSH'S CHIN??
HMMM.. ..AS ALWAYS IN A TRUE DEMOCRACY, A TOUGH CHOICE!
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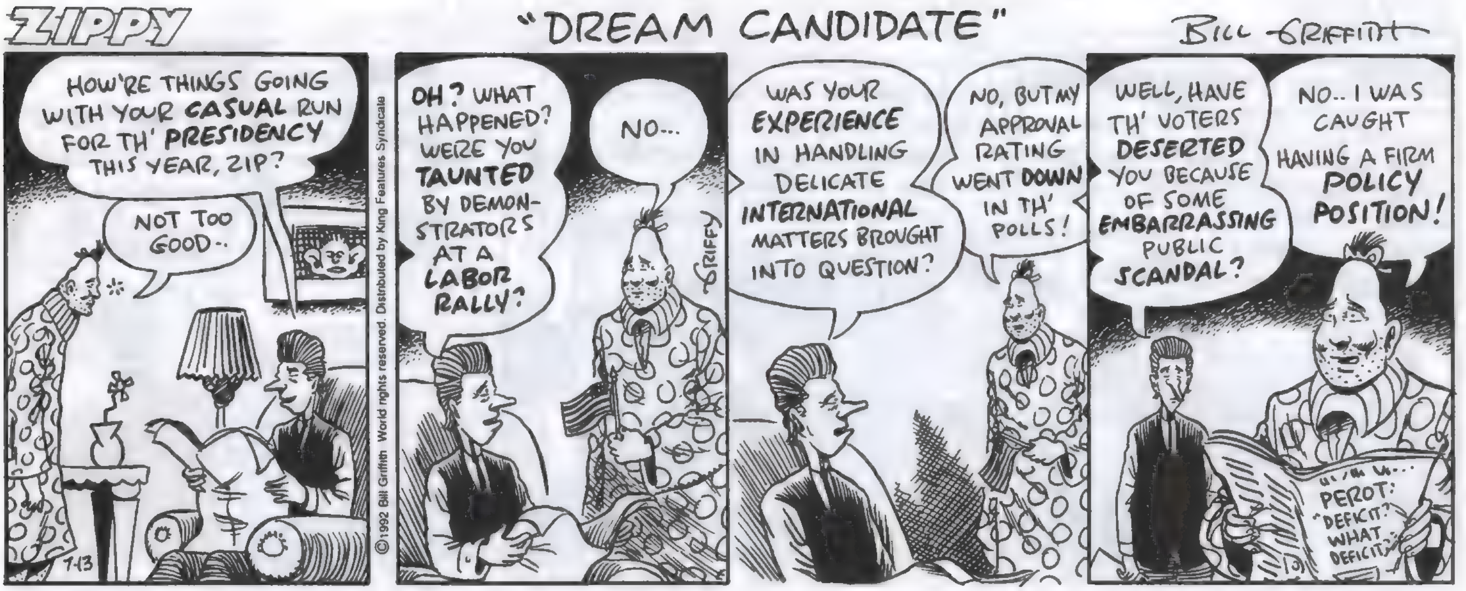
CAN I VOTE FOR TED KOPPEL'S HAIR?
WELL, IT DOES HAVE A CERTAIN BOYISH SINCERITY AS IT ADHERES MAGICALLY TO HIS FOREHEAD!
6-29
GRIFFY
ZERBINA, WHO RULED AMERICA DURING TH' SENSUAL SEVENTIES?
BURT REYNOLDS' FOURTH TOUPÉE!
SO SOON WE FORGET.. ..WHO TODAY REMEMBERS THAT TH' STOCK MARKET ONCE ROSE & FELL IN RESPONSE TO ERICH VON STROHEIM'S NECK FOLD!!
DEAR, DID I EVER TELL YOU YOU HAVE A LOVELY SET OF OCCIPITAL LOBES?


ZIPPY
"DREAM CANDIDATE"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW'RE THINGS GOING WITH YOUR CASUAL RUN FOR TH' PRESIDENCY THIS YEAR, ZIP?
NOT TOO GOOD..
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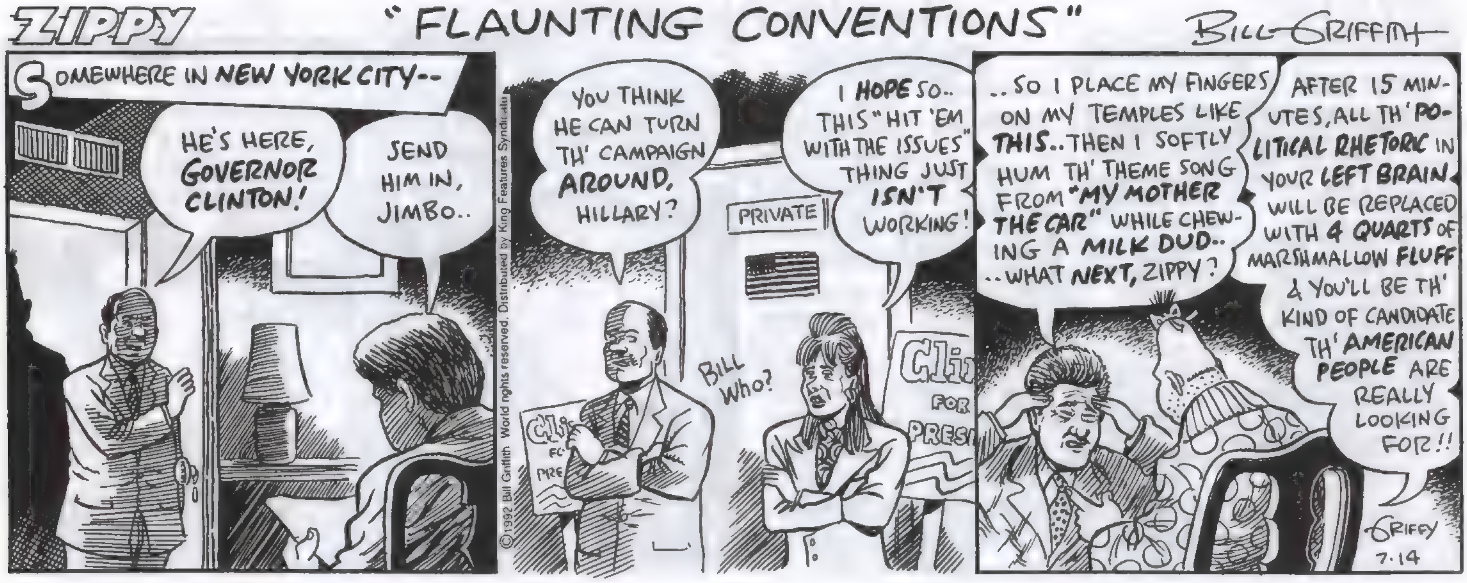
OH? WHAT HAPPENED? WERE YOU TAUNTED BY DEMONSTRATORS AT A LABOR RALLY?
NO...
GRIFFY
WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING DELICATE INTERNATIONAL MATTERS BROUGHT INTO QUESTION?
NO, BUT MY APPROVAL RATING WENT DOWN IN TH' POLLS!
WELL, HAVE TH' VOTERS DESERTED YOU BECAUSE OF SOME EMBARRASSING PUBLIC SCANDAL?
NO.. I WAS CAUGHT HAVING A FIRM POLICY POSITION!
PEROT: "DEFICIT? WHAT DEFICIT?"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"FLAUNTING CONVENTIONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
SOMEWHERE IN NEW YORK CITY--
HE'S HERE, GOVERNOR CLINTON!
SEND HIM IN, JIMBO..
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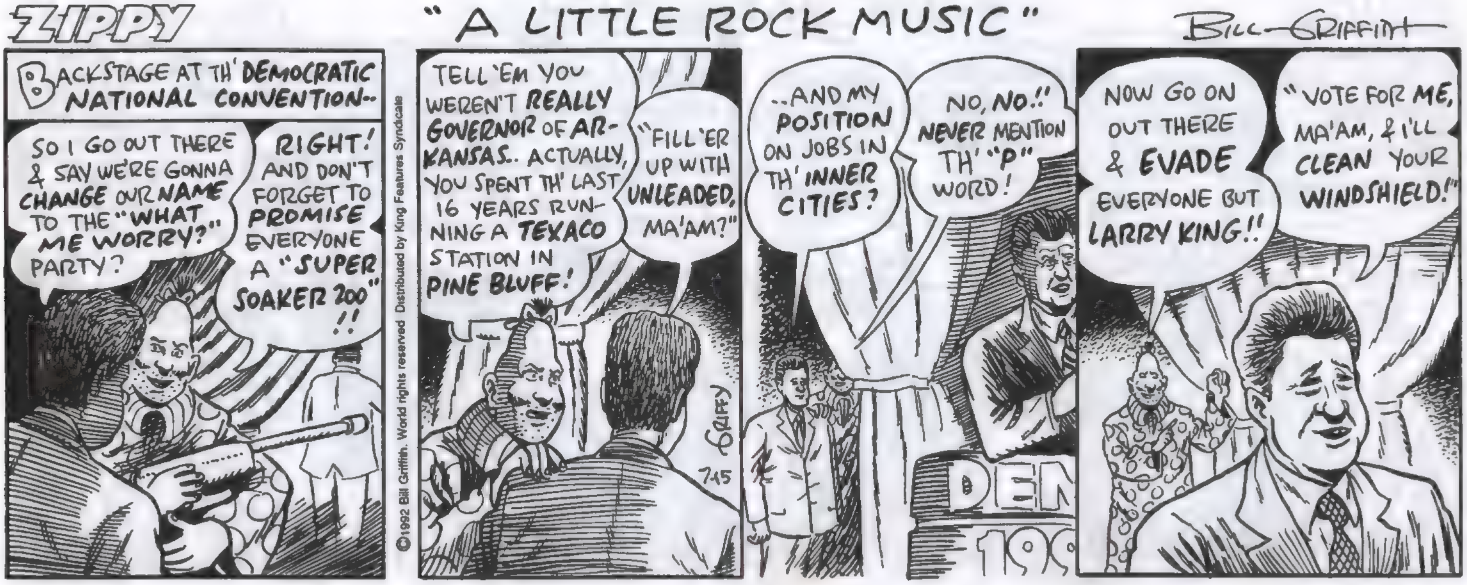
YOU THINK HE CAN TURN TH' CAMPAIGN AROUND, HILLARY?
PRIVATE
BILL WHO?
I HOPE SO.. THIS "HIT 'EM WITH THE ISSUES" THING JUST ISN'T WORKING!
CLI FOR PRESI
..SO I PLACE MY FINGERS ON MY TEMPLES LIKE THIS.. THEN I SOFTLY HUM TH' THEME SONG FROM "MY MOTHER THE CAR" WHILE CHEWING A MILK DUD.. ..WHAT NEXT, ZIPPY?
AFTER 15 MINUTES, ALL TH' POLITICAL RHETORIC IN YOUR LEFT BRAIN WILL BE REPLACED WITH 4 QUARTS OF MARSHMALLOW FLUFF & YOU'LL BE TH' KIND OF CANDIDATE TH' AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR!!
GRIFFY
7-14


ZIPPY
"A LITTLE ROCK MUSIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACKSTAGE AT TH' DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION--
SO I GO OUT THERE & SAY WE'RE GONNA CHANGE OUR NAME TO THE "WHAT ME WORRY?" PARTY?
RIGHT! AND DON'T FORGET TO PROMISE EVERYONE A "SUPER SOAKER 200"!!
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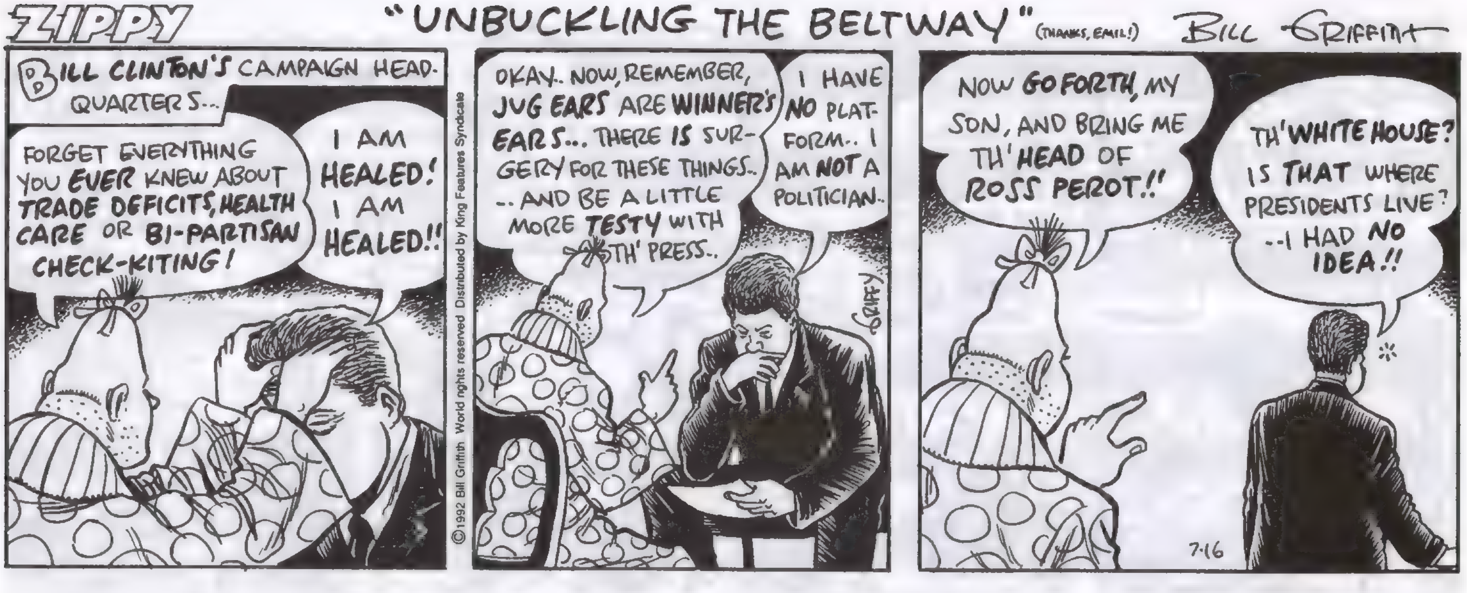
TELL 'EM YOU WEREN'T REALLY GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS.. ACTUALLY, YOU SPENT TH' LAST 16 YEARS RUNNING A TEXACO STATION IN PINE BLUFF!
"FILL 'ER UP WITH UNLEADED, MA'AM?"
GRIFFY
7-15
..AND MY POSITION ON JOBS IN TH' INNER CITIES?
NO, NO!! NEVER MENTION TH' "P" WORD!
DEM 199
NOW GO ON OUT THERE & EVADE EVERYONE BUT LARRY KING!!
"VOTE FOR ME, MA'AM, & I'LL CLEAN YOUR WINDSHIELD!"


ZIPPY
"UNBUCKLING THE BELTWAY" (THANKS, EMIL!)
BILL GRIFFITH
BILL CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS...
FORGET EVERYTHING YOU EVER KNEW ABOUT TRADE DEFICITS, HEALTH CARE OR BI-PARTISAN CHECK-KITING!
I AM HEALED! I AM HEALED!!
OKAY.. NOW, REMEMBER, JUG EARS ARE WINNER'S EARS... THERE IS SURGERY FOR THESE THINGS.. .. AND BE A LITTLE MORE TESTY WITH TH' PRESS..
I HAVE NO PLATFORM.. I AM NOT A POLITICIAN..
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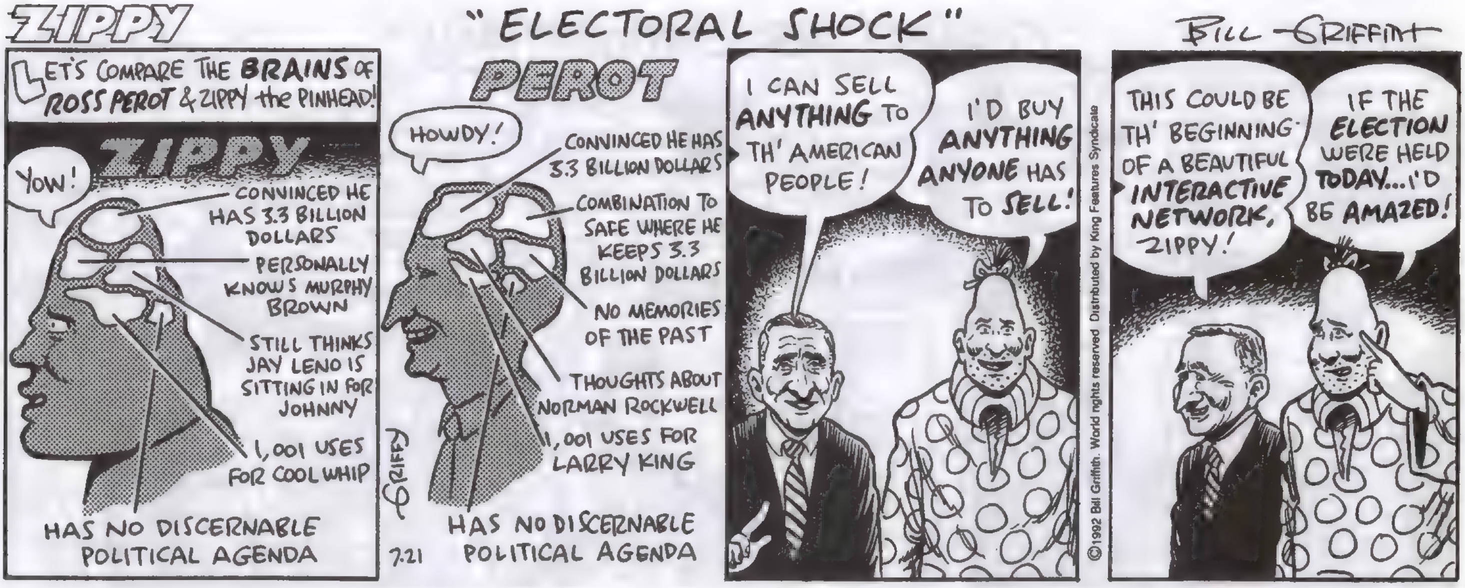
GRIFFY
NOW GO FORTH, MY SON, AND BRING ME TH' HEAD OF ROSS PEROT!!
TH' WHITE HOUSE? IS THAT WHERE PRESIDENTS LIVE? --I HAD NO IDEA!!
7·16


ZIPPY
"ELECTORAL SHOCK"
BILL GRIFFITH
LET'S COMPARE THE BRAINS OF ROSS PEROT & ZIPPY the PINHEAD!
ZIPPY
YOW!
CONVINCED HE HAS 3.3 BILLION DOLLARS
PERSONALLY KNOWS MURPHY BROWN
STILL THINKS JAY LENO IS SITTING IN FOR JOHNNY
1,001 USES FOR COOL WHIP
HAS NO DISCERNABLE POLITICAL AGENDA
PEROT
HOWDY!
CONVINCED HE HAS 3.3 BILLION DOLLARS
COMBINATION TO SAFE WHERE HE KEEPS 3.3 BILLION DOLLARS
NO MEMORIES OF THE PAST
THOUGHTS ABOUT NORMAN ROCKWELL
1,001 USES FOR LARRY KING
HAS NO DISCERNABLE POLITICAL AGENDA
GRIFFY
7·21
I CAN SELL ANYTHING TO TH' AMERICAN PEOPLE!
I'D BUY ANYTHING ANYONE HAS TO SELL!
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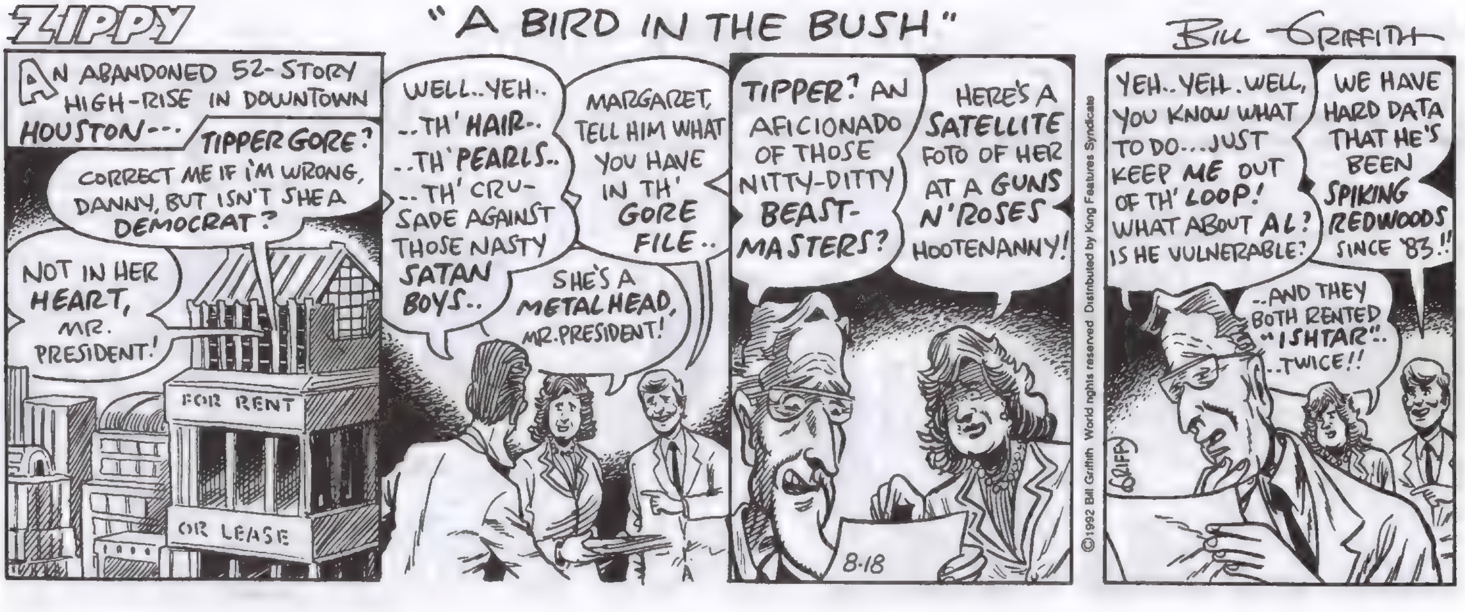
THIS COULD BE TH' BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL INTERACTIVE NETWORK, ZIPPY!
IF THE ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY...I'D BE AMAZED!


ZIPPY
"A BIRD IN THE BUSH"
BILL GRIFFITH
AN ABANDONED 52-STORY HIGH-RISE IN DOWNTOWN HOUSTON...
TIPPER GORE? CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, DANNY, BUT ISN'T SHE A DEMOCRAT?
NOT IN HER HEART, MR. PRESIDENT!
FOR RENT
OR LEASE
WELL..YEH.. ..TH' HAIR.. ..TH' PEARLS.. ..TH' CRUSADE AGAINST THOSE NASTY SATAN BOYS..
MARGARET, TELL HIM WHAT YOU HAVE IN TH' GORE FILE..
SHE'S A METAL HEAD, MR. PRESIDENT!
TIPPER? AN AFICIONADO OF THOSE NITTY-DITTY BEAST-MASTERS?
HERE'S A SATELLITE FOTO OF HER AT A GUNS N' ROSES HOOTENANNY!
8·18
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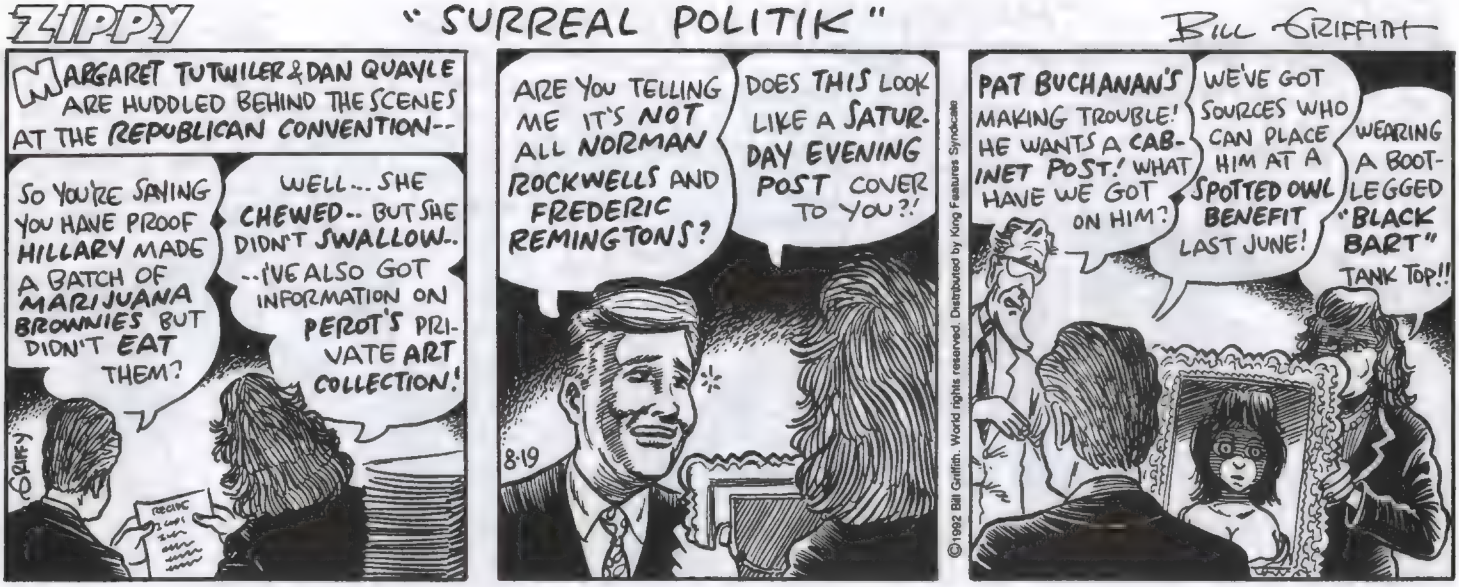
YEH..YEH..WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO...JUST KEEP ME OUT OF TH' LOOP! WHAT ABOUT AL? IS HE VULNERABLE?
WE HAVE HARD DATA THAT HE'S BEEN SPIKING REDWOODS SINCE '83!!
..AND THEY BOTH RENTED "ISHTAR".. ..TWICE!!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"SURREAL POLITIK"
BILL GRIFFITH
MARGARET TUTWILER & DAN QUAYLE ARE HUDDLED BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION--
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVE PROOF HILLARY MADE A BATCH OF MARIJUANA BROWNIES BUT DIDN'T EAT THEM?
WELL... SHE CHEWED.. BUT SHE DIDN'T SWALLOW.. ..I'VE ALSO GOT INFORMATION ON PEROT'S PRIVATE ART COLLECTION!
RECIPE
GRIFFY
ARE YOU TELLING ME IT'S NOT ALL NORMAN ROCKWELLS AND FREDERIC REMINGTONS?
DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A SATURDAY EVENING POST COVER TO YOU?!
8-19
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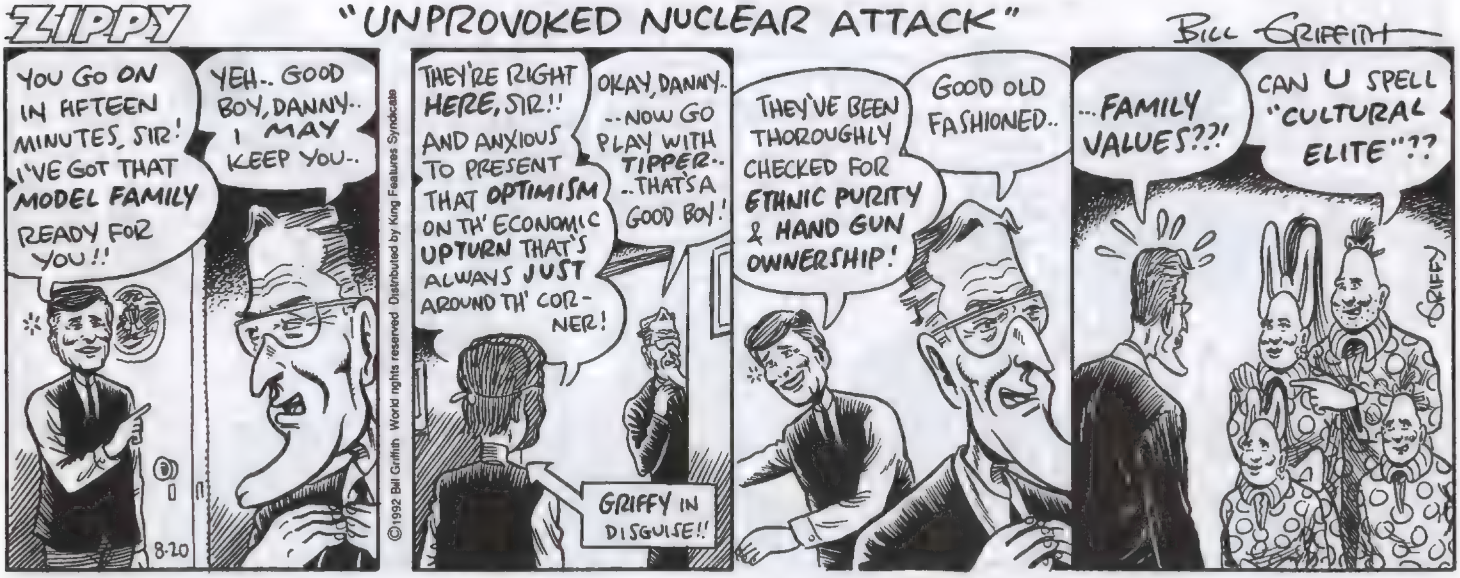
PAT BUCHANAN'S MAKING TROUBLE! HE WANTS A CABINET POST! WHAT HAVE WE GOT ON HIM?
WE'VE GOT SOURCES WHO CAN PLACE HIM AT A SPOTTED OWL BENEFIT LAST JUNE!
WEARING A BOOTLEGGED "BLACK BART" TANK TOP!!


ZIPPY
"UNPROVOKED NUCLEAR ATTACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU GO ON IN FIFTEEN MINUTES, SIR! I'VE GOT THAT MODEL FAMILY READY FOR YOU!!
YEH.. GOOD BOY, DANNY.. I MAY KEEP YOU..
8-20
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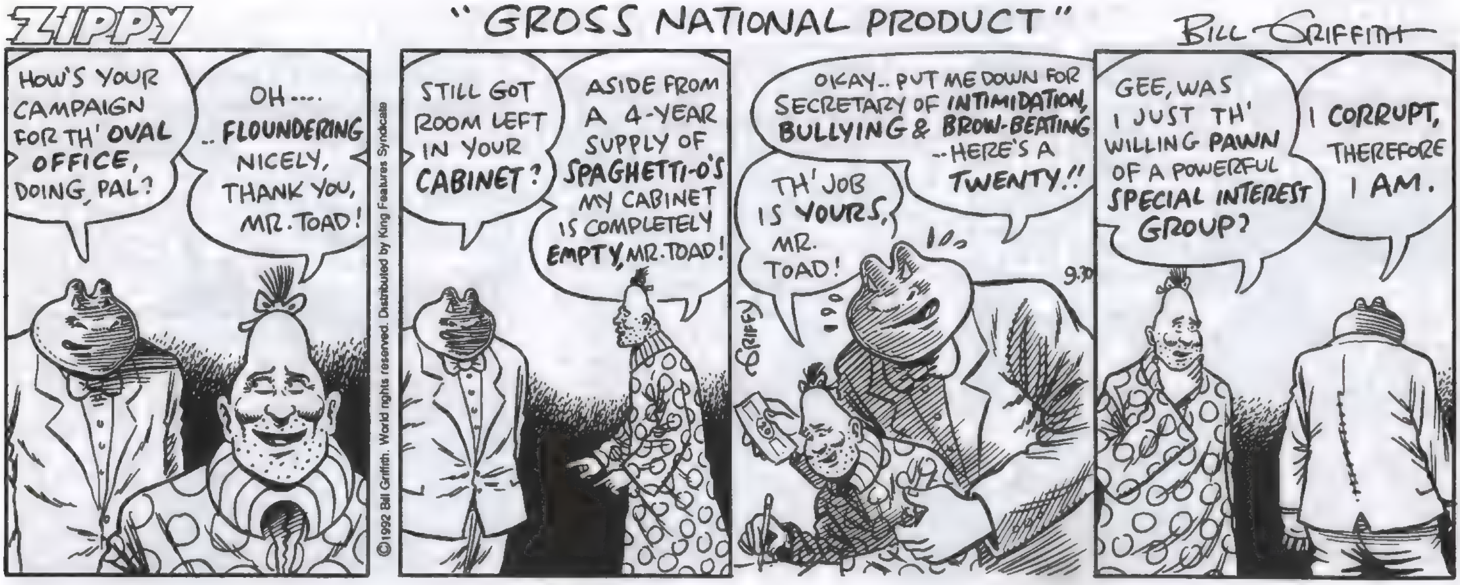
THEY'RE RIGHT HERE, SIR!! AND ANXIOUS TO PRESENT THAT OPTIMISM ON TH' ECONOMIC UPTURN THAT'S ALWAYS JUST AROUND TH' CORNER!
OKAY, DANNY.. --NOW GO PLAY WITH TIPPER.. ..THAT'S A GOOD BOY!
GRIFFY IN DISGUISE!!
THEY'VE BEEN THOROUGHLY CHECKED FOR ETHNIC PURITY & HAND GUN OWNERSHIP!
GOOD OLD FASHIONED..
...FAMILY VALUES??!
CAN U SPELL "CULTURAL ELITE"??
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW'S YOUR CAMPAIGN FOR TH' OVAL OFFICE, DOING, PAL?
OH.... ..FLOUNDERING NICELY, THANK YOU, MR. TOAD!
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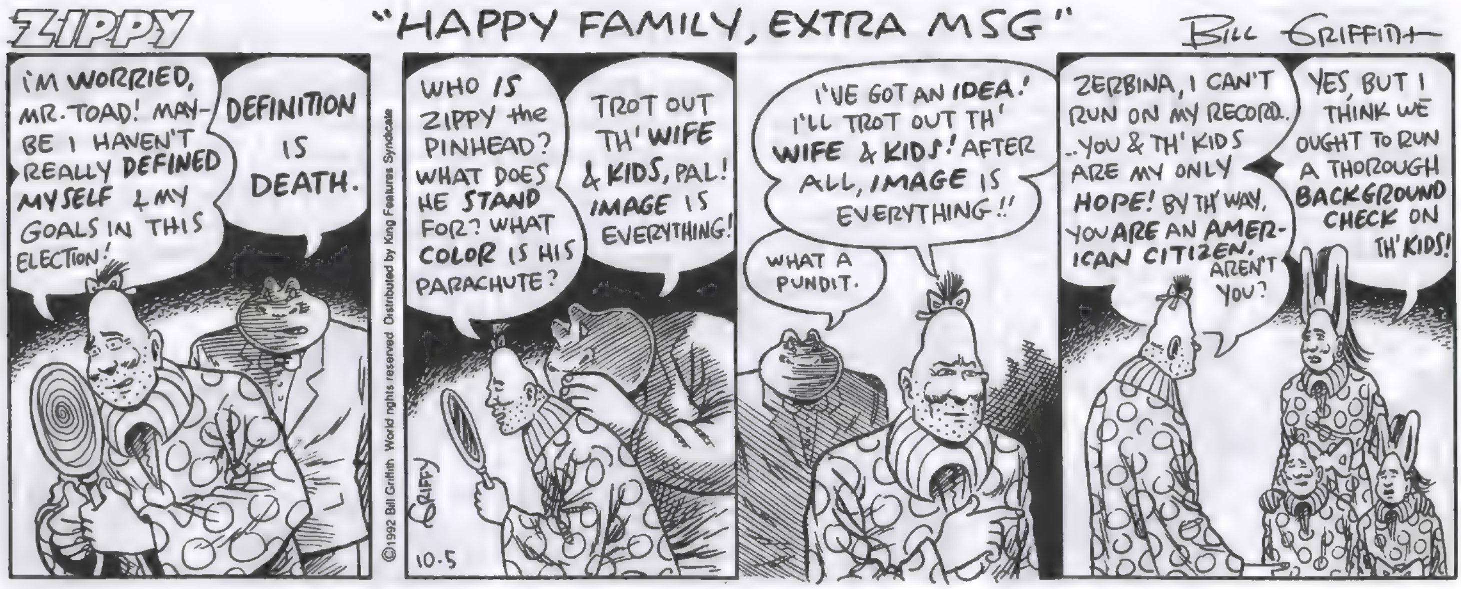
STILL GOT ROOM LEFT IN YOUR CABINET?
ASIDE FROM A 4-YEAR SUPPLY OF SPAGHETTI-O'S MY CABINET IS COMPLETELY EMPTY, MR. TOAD!
OKAY.. PUT ME DOWN FOR SECRETARY OF INTIMIDATION, BULLYING & BROW-BEATING --HERE'S A TWENTY!!
TH' JOB IS YOURS, MR. TOAD!
9-30
GRIFFY
GEE, WAS I JUST TH' WILLING PAWN OF A POWERFUL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP?
I CORRUPT, THEREFORE I AM.


ZIPPY
"HAPPY FAMILY, EXTRA MSG"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M WORRIED, MR. TOAD! MAYBE I HAVEN'T REALLY DEFINED MYSELF & MY GOALS IN THIS ELECTION!
DEFINITION IS DEATH.
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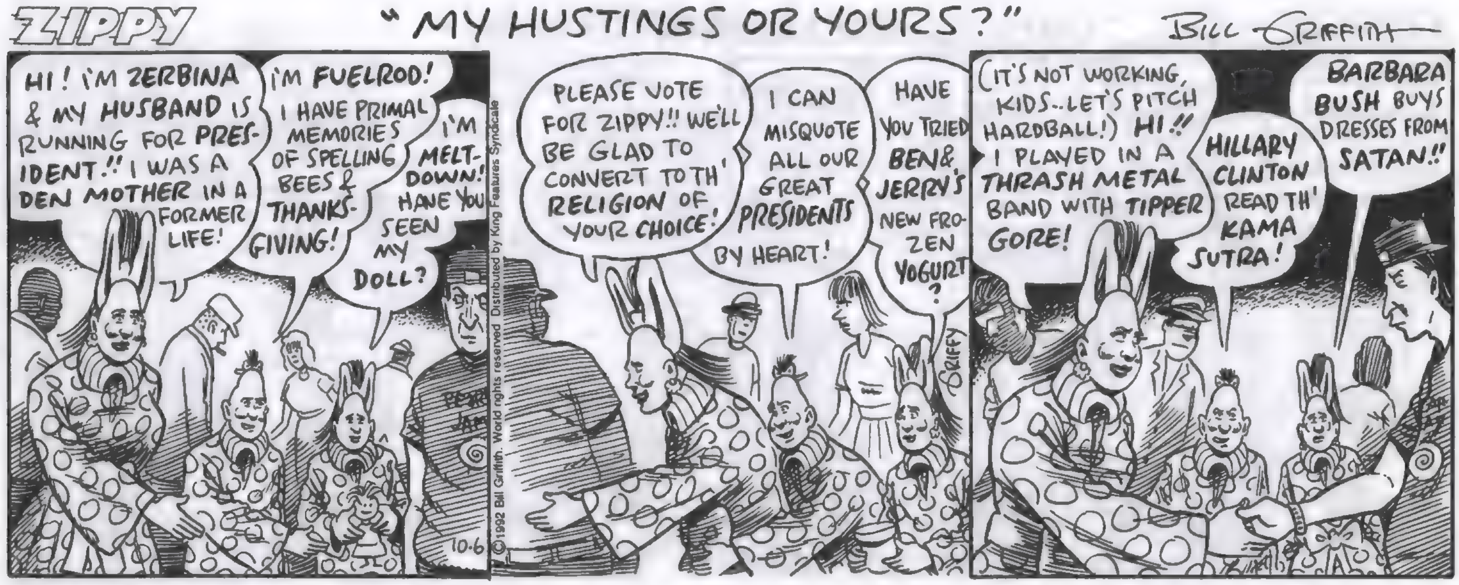
WHO IS ZIPPY the PINHEAD? WHAT DOES HE STAND FOR? WHAT COLOR IS HIS PARACHUTE?
TROT OUT TH' WIFE & KIDS, PAL! IMAGE IS EVERYTHING!
GRIFFY
10-5
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! I'LL TROT OUT TH' WIFE & KIDS! AFTER ALL, IMAGE IS EVERYTHING!!
WHAT A PUNDIT.
ZERBINA, I CAN'T RUN ON MY RECORD.. ..YOU & TH' KIDS ARE MY ONLY HOPE! BY TH' WAY, YOU ARE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AREN'T YOU?
YES, BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO RUN A THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECK ON TH' KIDS!


ZIPPY
"MY HUSTINGS OR YOURS?"
BILL GRIFFITH
HI! I'M ZERBINA & MY HUSBAND IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT!! I WAS A DEN MOTHER IN A FORMER LIFE!
I'M FUELROD! I HAVE PRIMAL MEMORIES OF SPELLING BEES & THANKSGIVING!
I'M MELTDOWN! HAVE YOU SEEN MY DOLL?
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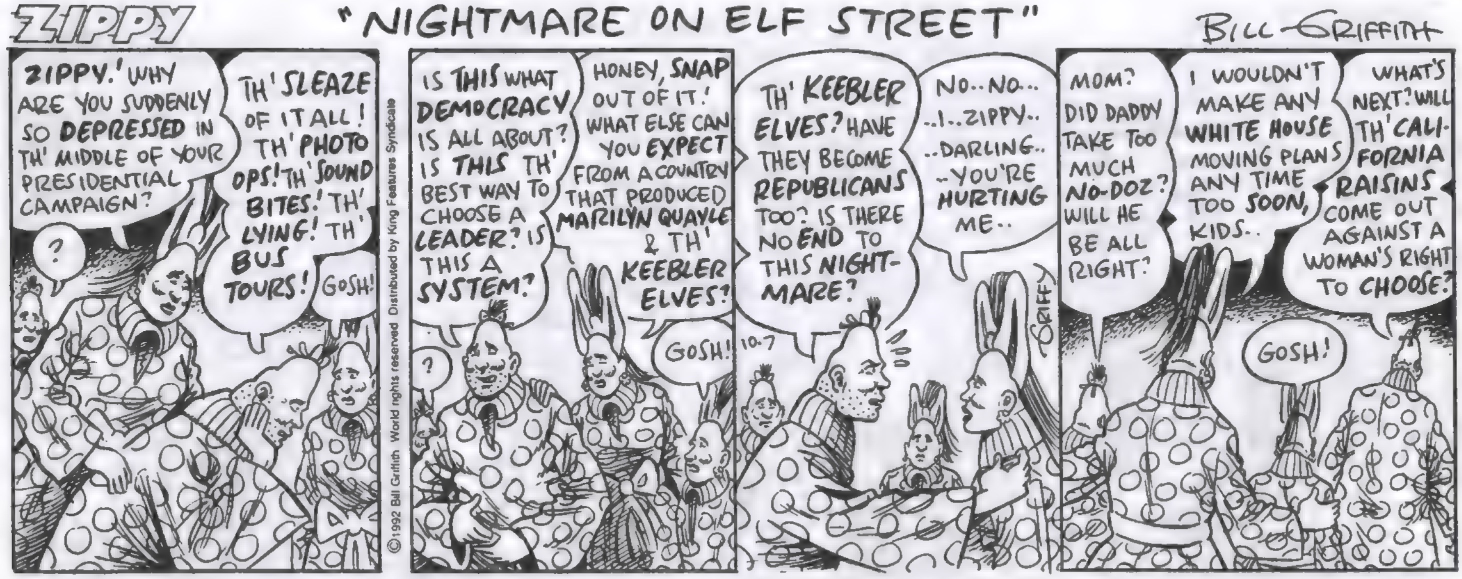
10-6
PLEASE VOTE FOR ZIPPY!! WE'LL BE GLAD TO CONVERT TO TH' RELIGION OF YOUR CHOICE!
I CAN MISQUOTE ALL OUR GREAT PRESIDENTS BY HEART!
HAVE YOU TRIED BEN & JERRY'S NEW FROZEN YOGURT?
GRIFFY
(IT'S NOT WORKING, KIDS.. LET'S PITCH HARDBALL!) HI!! I PLAYED IN A THRASH METAL BAND WITH TIPPER GORE!
HILLARY CLINTON READ TH' KAMA SUTRA!
BARBARA BUSH BUYS DRESSES FROM SATAN!!


ZIPPY
"NIGHTMARE ON ELF STREET"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY SO DEPRESSED IN TH' MIDDLE OF YOUR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN?
TH' SLEAZE OF IT ALL! TH' PHOTO OPS! TH' SOUND BITES! TH' LYING! TH' BUS TOURS!
?
GOSH!
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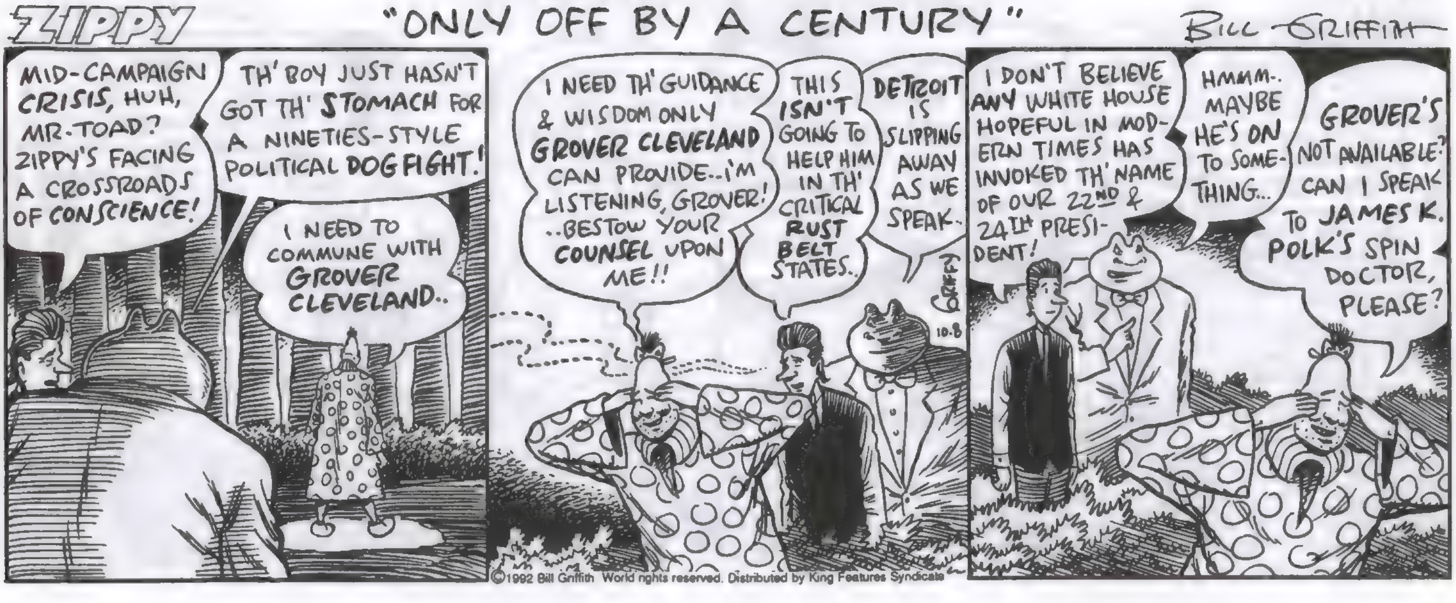
IS THIS WHAT DEMOCRACY IS ALL ABOUT? IS THIS TH' BEST WAY TO CHOOSE A LEADER? IS THIS A SYSTEM?
HONEY, SNAP OUT OF IT! WHAT ELSE CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A COUNTRY THAT PRODUCED MARILYN QUAYLE & TH' KEEBLER ELVES?
?
GOSH!
10-7
TH' KEEBLER ELVES? HAVE THEY BECOME REPUBLICANS TOO? IS THERE NO END TO THIS NIGHTMARE?
NO.. NO.. ..I.. ZIPPY.. ..DARLING.. ..YOU'RE HURTING ME..
GRIFFY
MOM? DID DADDY TAKE TOO MUCH NO-DOZ? WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT?
I WOULDN'T MAKE ANY WHITE HOUSE MOVING PLANS ANY TIME TOO SOON, KIDS..
WHAT'S NEXT? WILL TH' CALIFORNIA RAISINS COME OUT AGAINST A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE?
GOSH!


ZIPPY
"ONLY OFF BY A CENTURY"
BILL GRIFFITH
MID-CAMPAIGN CRISIS, HUH, MR. TOAD? ZIPPY'S FACING A CROSSROADS OF CONSCIENCE!
TH' BOY JUST HASN'T GOT TH' STOMACH FOR A NINETIES-STYLE POLITICAL DOG FIGHT!
I NEED TO COMMUNE WITH GROVER CLEVELAND..
I NEED TH' GUIDANCE & WISDOM ONLY GROVER CLEVELAND CAN PROVIDE..I'M LISTENING, GROVER! ..BESTOW YOUR COUNSEL UPON ME!!
THIS ISN'T GOING TO HELP HIM IN TH' CRITICAL RUST BELT STATES..
DETROIT IS SLIPPING AWAY AS WE SPEAK..
GRIFFY
10-8
I DON'T BELIEVE ANY WHITE HOUSE HOPEFUL IN MODERN TIMES HAS INVOKED TH' NAME OF OUR 22ND & 24TH PRESIDENT!
HMMM.. MAYBE HE'S ON TO SOMETHING...
GROVER'S NOT AVAILABLE? CAN I SPEAK TO JAMES K. POLK'S SPIN DOCTOR, PLEASE?
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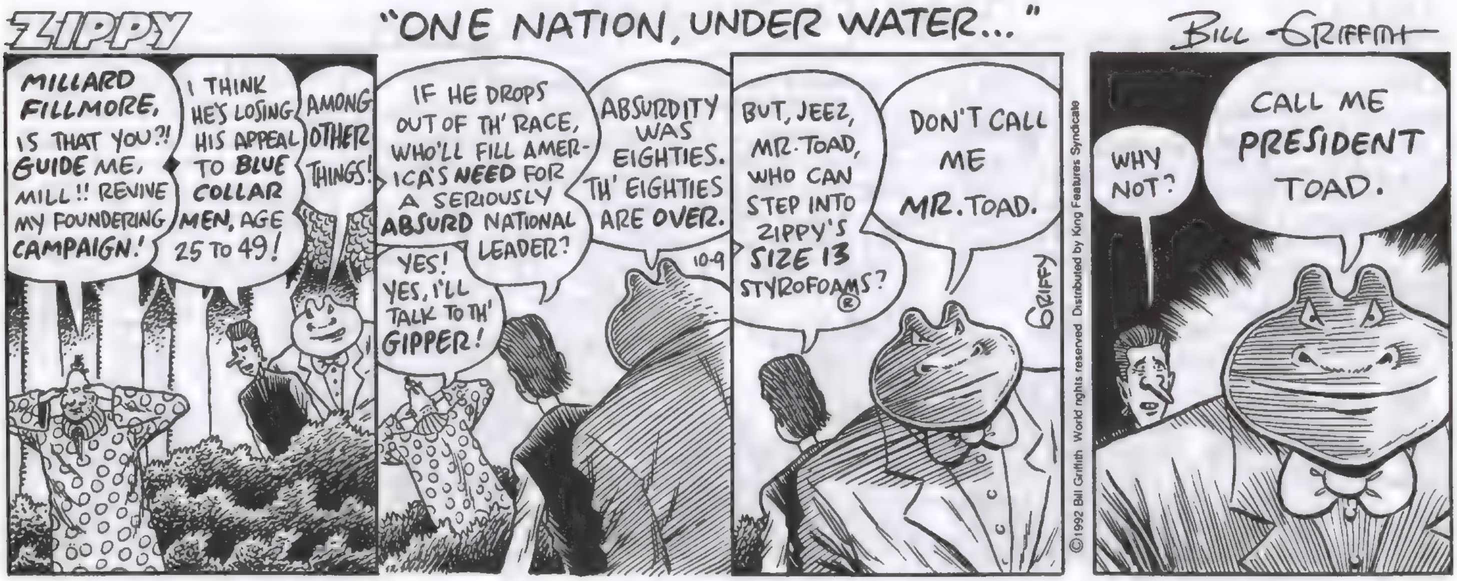
ZIPPY
"ONE NATION, UNDER WATER..."
BILL GRIFFITH
MILLARD FILLMORE, IS THAT YOU?! GUIDE ME, MILL!! REVIVE MY FOUNDERING CAMPAIGN!
I THINK HE'S LOSING HIS APPEAL TO BLUE COLLAR MEN, AGE 25 TO 49!
AMONG OTHER THINGS!
IF HE DROPS OUT OF TH' RACE, WHO'LL FILL AMERICA'S NEED FOR A SERIOUSLY ABSURD NATIONAL LEADER?
YES! YES, I'LL TALK TO TH' GIPPER!
ABSURDITY WAS EIGHTIES. TH' EIGHTIES ARE OVER.
10-9
BUT, JEEZ, MR. TOAD, WHO CAN STEP INTO ZIPPY'S SIZE 13 STYROFOAMS®?
DON'T CALL ME MR. TOAD.
GRIFFY
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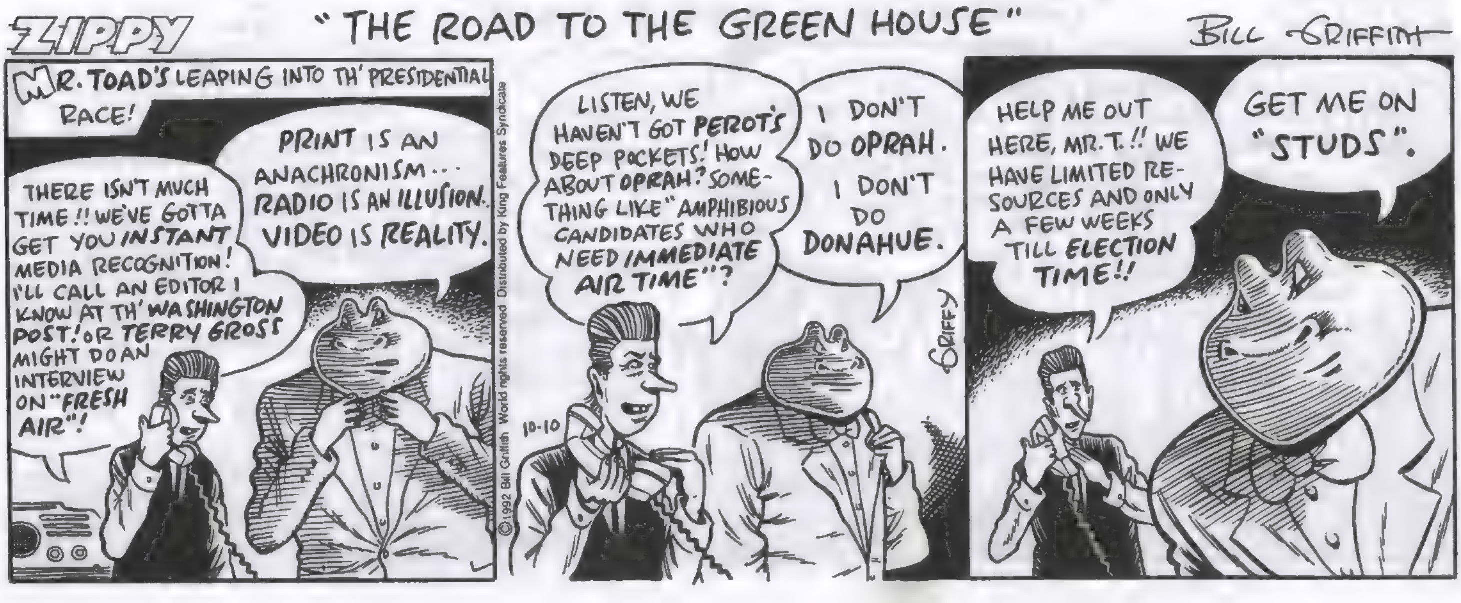
WHY NOT?
CALL ME PRESIDENT TOAD.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"THE ROAD TO THE GREEN HOUSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD'S LEAPING INTO TH' PRESIDENTIAL RACE!
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME!! WE'VE GOTTA GET YOU INSTANT MEDIA RECOGNITION! I'LL CALL AN EDITOR I KNOW AT TH' WASHINGTON POST! OR TERRY GROSS MIGHT DO AN INTERVIEW ON "FRESH AIR"!
PRINT IS AN ANACHRONISM... RADIO IS AN ILLUSION.. VIDEO IS REALITY.
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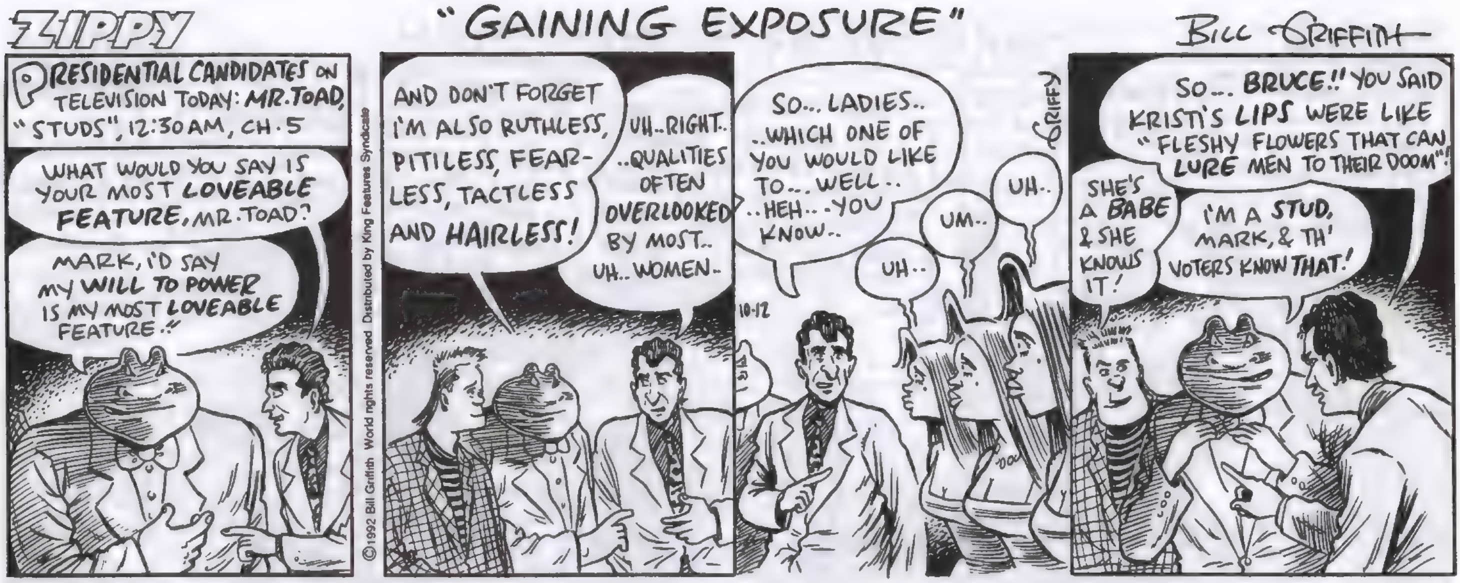
LISTEN, WE HAVEN'T GOT PEROT'S DEEP POCKETS! HOW ABOUT OPRAH? SOMETHING LIKE "AMPHIBIOUS CANDIDATES WHO NEED IMMEDIATE AIR TIME"?
I DON'T DO OPRAH. I DON'T DO DONAHUE.
10-10
GRIFFY
HELP ME OUT HERE, MR. T.!! WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES AND ONLY A FEW WEEKS TILL ELECTION TIME!!
GET ME ON "STUDS".


ZIPPY
"GAINING EXPOSURE"
BILL GRIFFITH
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ON TELEVISION TODAY: MR. TOAD, "STUDS", 12:30 AM, CH. 5
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS YOUR MOST LOVEABLE FEATURE, MR. TOAD?
MARK, I'D SAY MY WILL TO POWER IS MY MOST LOVEABLE FEATURE.!!
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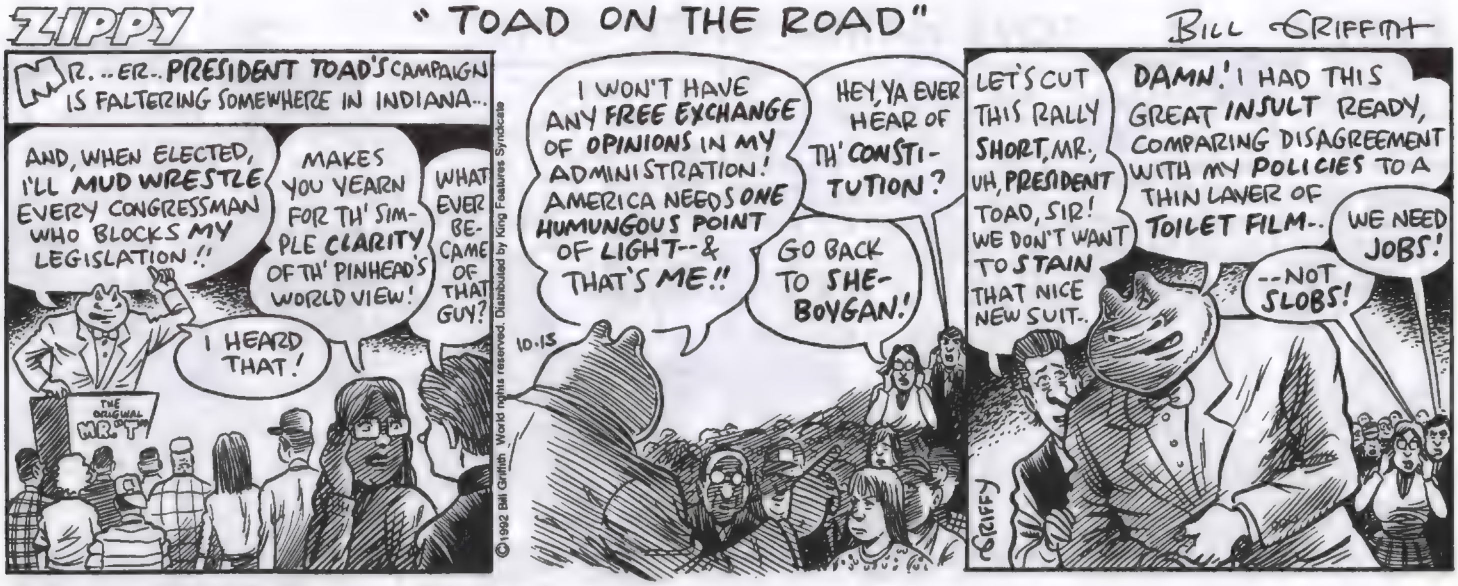
AND DON'T FORGET I'M ALSO RUTHLESS, PITILESS, FEARLESS, TACTLESS AND HAIRLESS!
UH.. RIGHT.. ..QUALITIES OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY MOST.. UH.. WOMEN..
SO... LADIES.. ..WHICH ONE OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO... WELL.. ..HEH.. -YOU KNOW..
10-12
UH..
UM..
UH..
GRIFFY
SO... BRUCE!! YOU SAID KRISTI'S LIPS WERE LIKE "FLESHY FLOWERS THAT CAN LURE MEN TO THEIR DOOM"!
SHE'S A BABE & SHE KNOWS IT!
I'M A STUD, MARK, & TH' VOTERS KNOW THAT!


ZIPPY
"TOAD ON THE ROAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. ..ER.. PRESIDENT TOAD'S CAMPAIGN IS FALTERING SOMEWHERE IN INDIANA...
AND, WHEN ELECTED, I'LL MUD WRESTLE EVERY CONGRESSMAN WHO BLOCKS MY LEGISLATION.!!
MAKES YOU YEARN FOR TH' SIMPLE CLARITY OF TH' PINHEAD'S WORLD VIEW!
WHATEVER BECAME OF THAT GUY?
I HEARD THAT!
THE ORIGINAL MR. T
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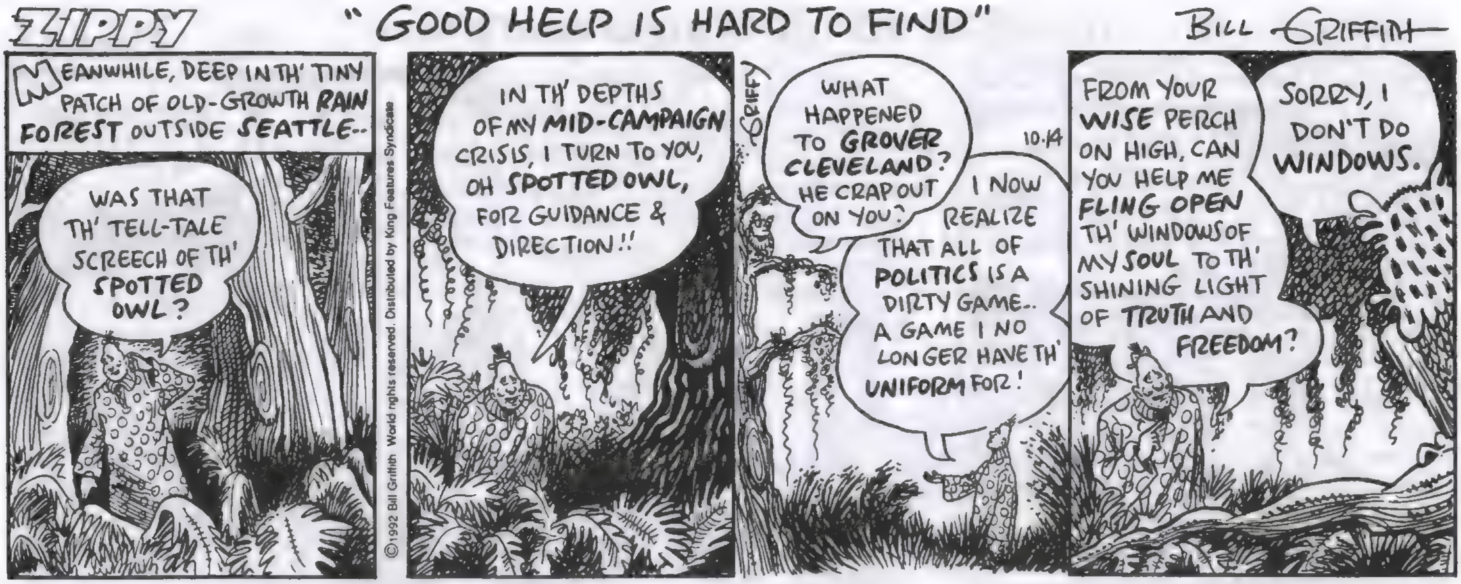
I WON'T HAVE ANY FREE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS IN MY ADMINISTRATION! AMERICA NEEDS ONE HUMUNGOUS POINT OF LIGHT--& THAT'S ME!!
HEY, YA EVER HEAR OF TH' CONSTITUTION?
GO BACK TO SHEBOYGAN!
10-13
LET'S CUT THIS RALLY SHORT, MR., UH, PRESIDENT TOAD, SIR! WE DON'T WANT TO STAIN THAT NICE NEW SUIT..
DAMN! I HAD THIS GREAT INSULT READY, COMPARING DISAGREEMENT WITH MY POLICIES TO A THIN LAYER OF TOILET FILM..
WE NEED JOBS!
--NOT SLOBS!
GRIFFY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"GOOD HELP IS HARD TO FIND"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, DEEP IN TH' TINY PATCH OF OLD-GROWTH RAIN FOREST OUTSIDE SEATTLE..
WAS THAT TH' TELL-TALE SCREECH OF TH' SPOTTED OWL?
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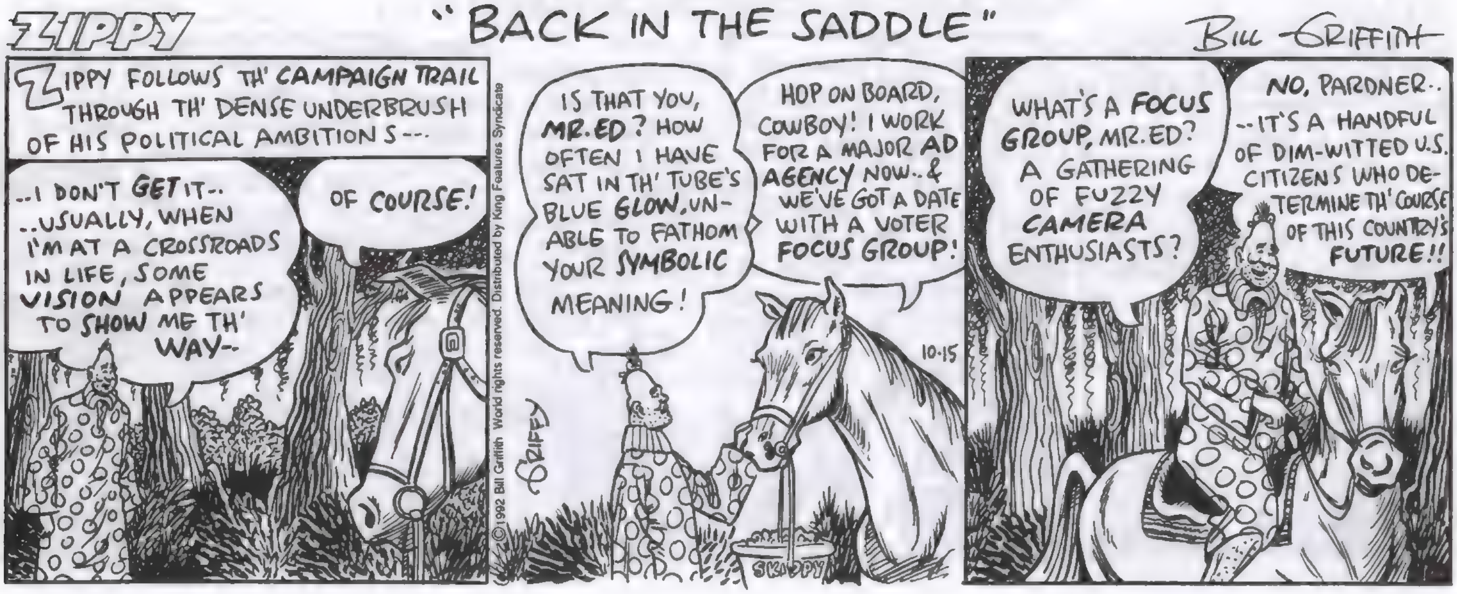
IN TH' DEPTHS OF MY MID-CAMPAIGN CRISIS, I TURN TO YOU, OH SPOTTED OWL, FOR GUIDANCE & DIRECTION.!!
GRIFFY
WHAT HAPPENED TO GROVER CLEVELAND? HE CRAP OUT ON YOU?
10-14
I NOW REALIZE THAT ALL OF POLITICS IS A DIRTY GAME.. A GAME I NO LONGER HAVE TH' UNIFORM FOR!
FROM YOUR WISE PERCH ON HIGH, CAN YOU HELP ME FLING OPEN TH' WINDOWS OF MY SOUL TO TH' SHINING LIGHT OF TRUTH AND FREEDOM?
SORRY, I DON'T DO WINDOWS.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"BACK IN THE SADDLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY FOLLOWS TH' CAMPAIGN TRAIL THROUGH TH' DENSE UNDERBRUSH OF HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS---
..I DON'T GET IT.. ..USUALLY, WHEN I'M AT A CROSSROADS IN LIFE, SOME VISION APPEARS TO SHOW ME TH' WAY--
OF COURSE!
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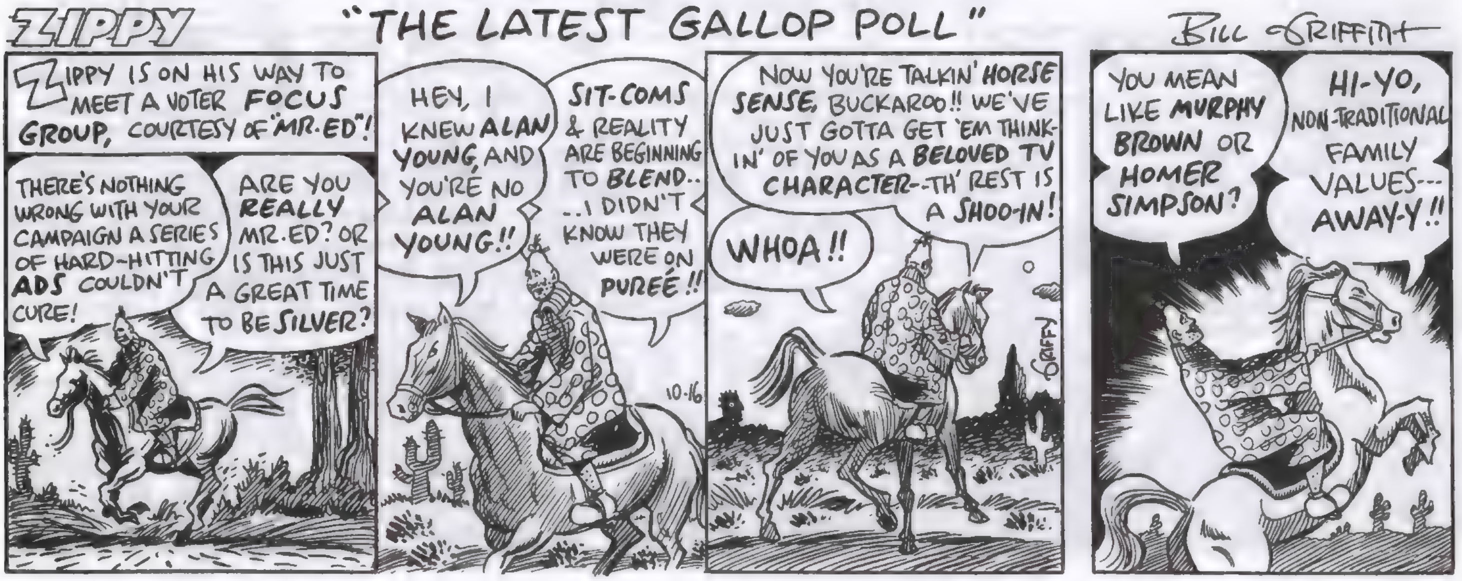
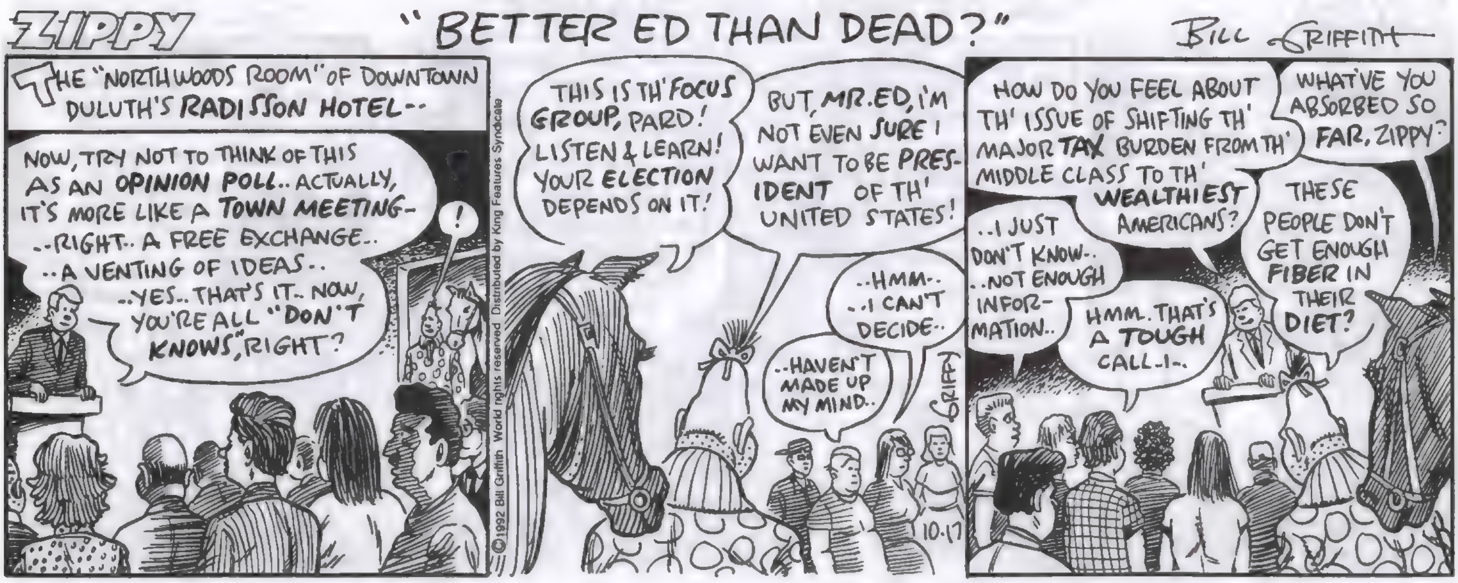
IS THAT YOU, MR. ED? HOW OFTEN I HAVE SAT IN TH' TUBE'S BLUE GLOW, UNABLE TO FATHOM YOUR SYMBOLIC MEANING!
HOP ON BOARD, COWBOY! I WORK FOR A MAJOR AD AGENCY NOW..& WE'VE GOT A DATE WITH A VOTER FOCUS GROUP!
10-15
GRIFFY
SKIPPY
WHAT'S A FOCUS GROUP, MR. ED? A GATHERING OF FUZZY CAMERA ENTHUSIASTS?
NO, PARDNER.. --IT'S A HANDFUL OF DIM-WITTED U.S. CITIZENS WHO DETERMINE TH' COURSE OF THIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE!!


ZIPPY
"THE LATEST GALLOP POLL"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY IS ON HIS WAY TO MEET A VOTER FOCUS GROUP, COURTESY OF "MR. ED"!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR CAMPAIGN A SERIES OF HARD-HITTING ADS COULDN'T CURE!
ARE YOU REALLY MR. ED? OR IS THIS JUST A GREAT TIME TO BE SILVER?
HEY, I KNEW ALAN YOUNG, AND YOU'RE NO ALAN YOUNG!!
SIT-COMS & REALITY ARE BEGINNING TO BLEND.. ..I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE ON PURÉE!!
10-16
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' HORSE SENSE, BUCKAROO!! WE'VE JUST GOTTA GET 'EM THINKIN' OF YOU AS A BELOVED TV CHARACTER--TH' REST IS A SHOO-IN!
WHOA!!
GRIFFY
YOU MEAN LIKE MURPHY BROWN OR HOMER SIMPSON?
HI-YO, NON-TRADITIONAL FAMILY VALUES--- AWAY-Y!!


ZIPPY
"BETTER ED THAN DEAD?"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE "NORTHWOODS ROOM" OF DOWNTOWN DULUTH'S RADISSON HOTEL--
NOW, TRY NOT TO THINK OF THIS AS AN OPINION POLL.. ACTUALLY, IT'S MORE LIKE A TOWN MEETING-- --RIGHT.. A FREE EXCHANGE.. ..A VENTING OF IDEAS.. ..YES.. THAT'S IT.. NOW, YOU'RE ALL "DON'T KNOWS", RIGHT?
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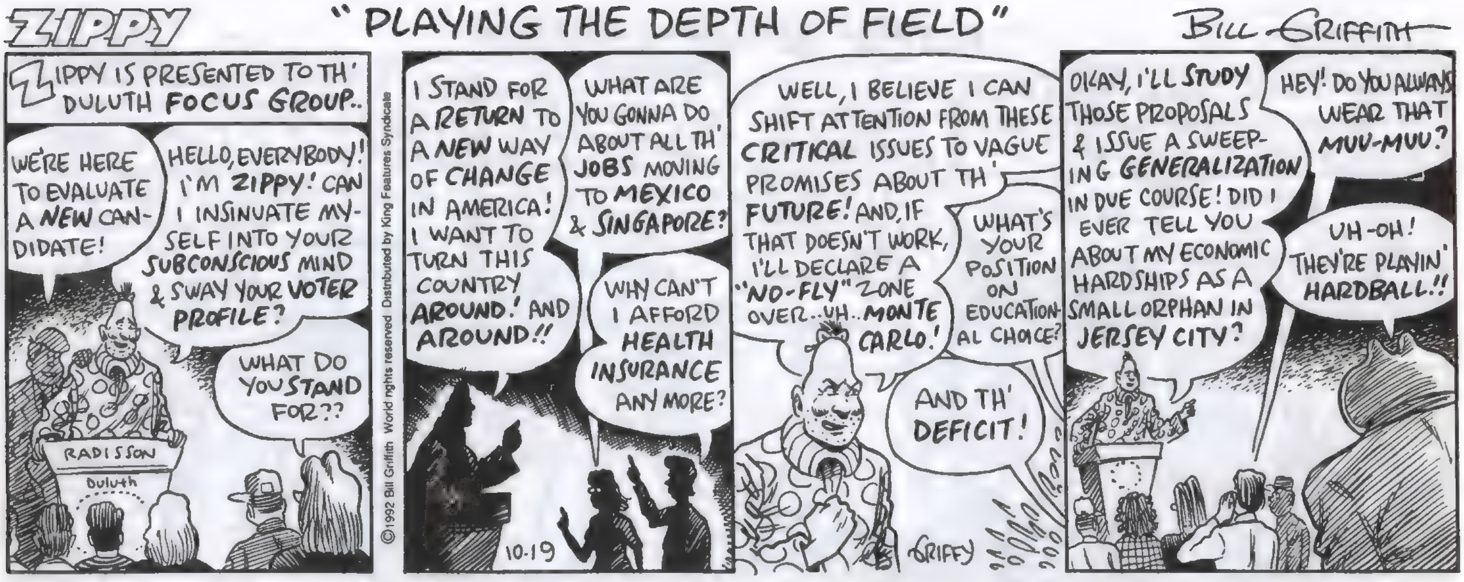
THIS IS TH' FOCUS GROUP, PARD! LISTEN & LEARN! YOUR ELECTION DEPENDS ON IT!
BUT, MR. ED, I'M NOT EVEN SURE I WANT TO BE PRESIDENT OF TH' UNITED STATES!
..HMM.. ..I CAN'T DECIDE..
..HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND..
GRIFFY
10-17
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT TH' ISSUE OF SHIFTING TH' MAJOR TAX BURDEN FROM TH' MIDDLE CLASS TO TH' WEALTHIEST AMERICANS?
WHAT'VE YOU ABSORBED SO FAR, ZIPPY?
..I JUST DON'T KNOW.. ..NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION..
HMM. THAT'S A TOUGH CALL..I..
THESE PEOPLE DON'T GET ENOUGH FIBER IN THEIR DIET?


ZIPPY
"PLAYING THE DEPTH OF FIELD"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY IS PRESENTED TO TH' DULUTH FOCUS GROUP..
WE'RE HERE TO EVALUATE A NEW CANDIDATE!
HELLO, EVERYBODY! I'M ZIPPY! CAN I INSINUATE MYSELF INTO YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND & SWAY YOUR VOTER PROFILE?
WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR??
RADISSON
Duluth
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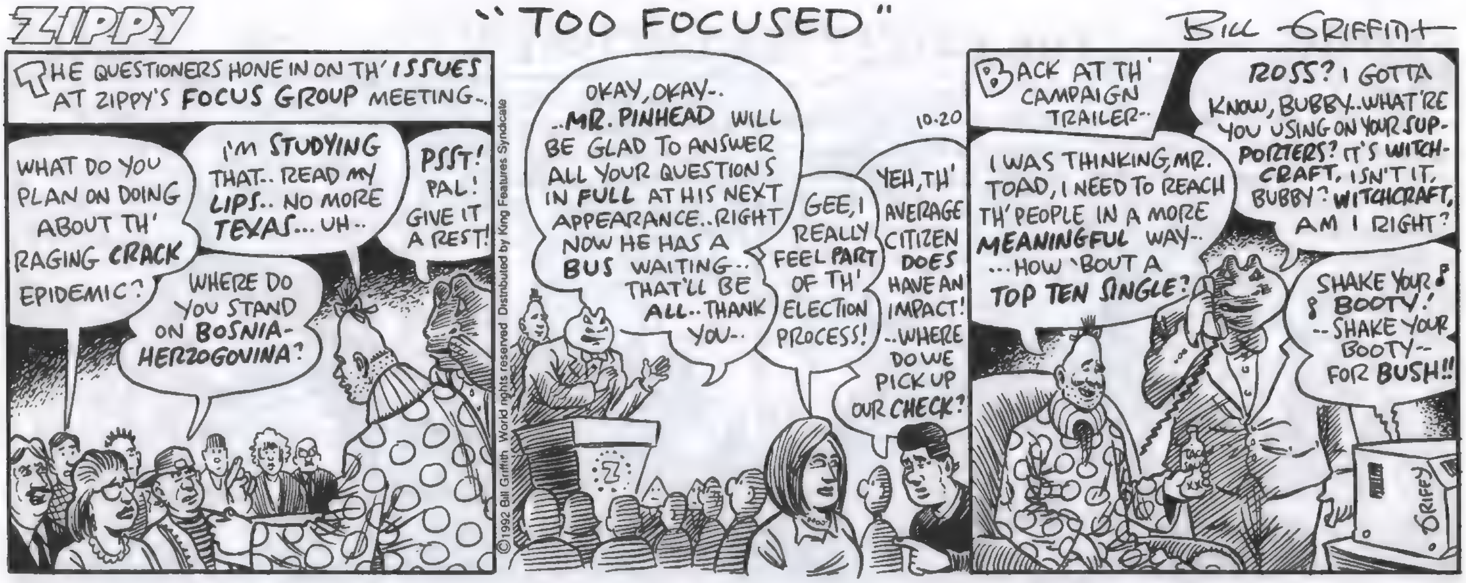
I STAND FOR A RETURN TO A NEW WAY OF CHANGE IN AMERICA! I WANT TO TURN THIS COUNTRY AROUND! AND AROUND!!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT ALL TH' JOBS MOVING TO MEXICO & SINGAPORE?
WHY CAN'T I AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE ANY MORE?
10-19
WELL, I BELIEVE I CAN SHIFT ATTENTION FROM THESE CRITICAL ISSUES TO VAGUE PROMISES ABOUT TH' FUTURE! AND, IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I'LL DECLARE A "NO-FLY" ZONE OVER..UH.. MONTE CARLO!
WHAT'S YOUR POSITION ON EDUCATIONAL CHOICE?
AND TH' DEFICIT!
GRIFFY
OKAY, I'LL STUDY THOSE PROPOSALS & ISSUE A SWEEPING GENERALIZATION IN DUE COURSE! DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT MY ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS AS A SMALL ORPHAN IN JERSEY CITY?
HEY! DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR THAT MUU-MUU?
UH-OH! THEY'RE PLAYIN' HARDBALL!!


ZIPPY
"TOO FOCUSED"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE QUESTIONERS HONE IN ON TH' ISSUES AT ZIPPY'S FOCUS GROUP MEETING..
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING ABOUT TH' RAGING CRACK EPIDEMIC?
I'M STUDYING THAT.. READ MY LIPS.. NO MORE TEXAS... UH..
PSST! PAL! GIVE IT A REST!
WHERE DO YOU STAND ON BOSNIA-HERZOGOVINA?
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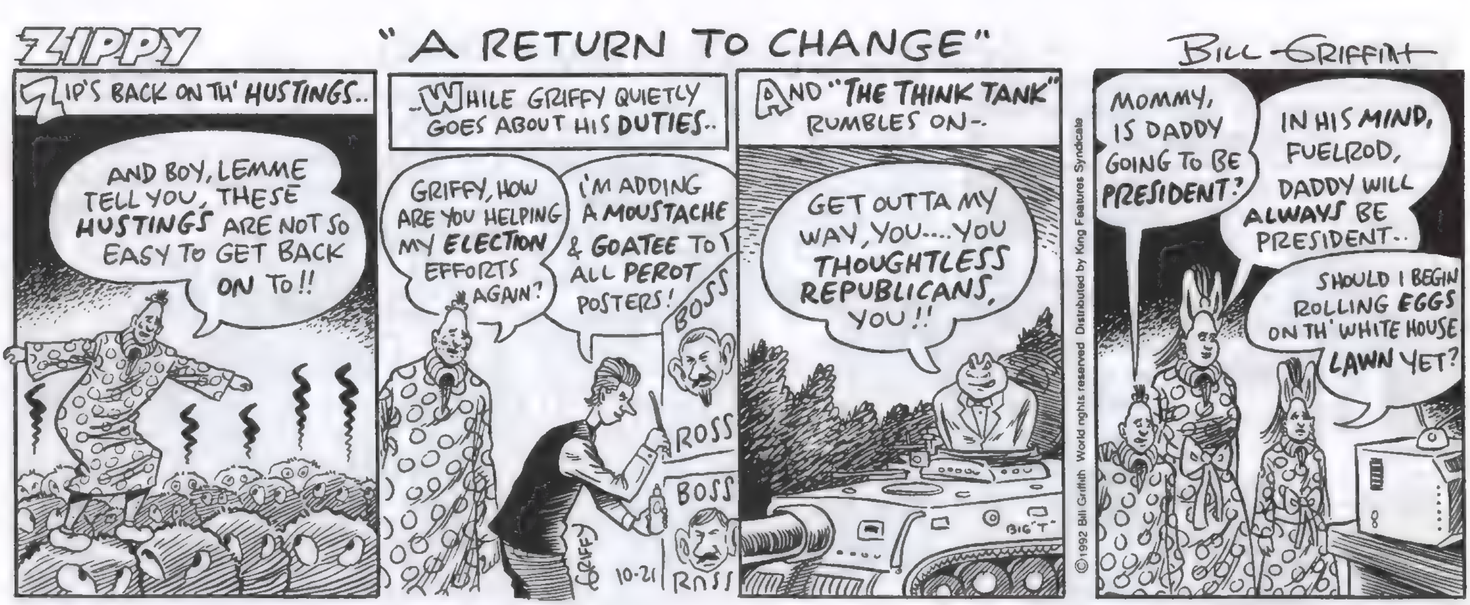
OKAY, OKAY.. ..MR. PINHEAD WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS IN FULL AT HIS NEXT APPEARANCE..RIGHT NOW HE HAS A BUS WAITING.. THAT'LL BE ALL..THANK YOU..
10-20
GEE, I REALLY FEEL PART OF TH' ELECTION PROCESS!
YEH, TH' AVERAGE CITIZEN DOES HAVE AN IMPACT! ..WHERE DO WE PICK UP OUR CHECK?
BACK AT TH' CAMPAIGN TRAILER..
I WAS THINKING, MR. TOAD, I NEED TO REACH TH' PEOPLE IN A MORE MEANINGFUL WAY.. ...HOW 'BOUT A TOP TEN SINGLE?
ROSS? I GOTTA KNOW, BUBBY..WHAT'RE YOU USING ON YOUR SUPPORTERS? IT'S WITCHCRAFT, ISN'T IT, BUBBY? WITCHCRAFT, AM I RIGHT?
SHAKE YOUR BOOTY! --SHAKE YOUR BOOTY-- FOR BUSH!!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"A RETURN TO CHANGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIP'S BACK ON TH' HUSTINGS..
AND BOY, LEMME TELL YOU, THESE HUSTINGS ARE NOT SO EASY TO GET BACK ON TO!!
..WHILE GRIFFY QUIETLY GOES ABOUT HIS DUTIES..
GRIFFY, HOW ARE YOU HELPING MY ELECTION EFFORTS AGAIN?
I'M ADDING A MOUSTACHE & GOATEE TO ALL PEROT POSTERS!
BOSS
ROSS
BOSS
ROSS
GRIFFY
10-21
AND "THE THINK TANK" RUMBLES ON..
GET OUTTA MY WAY, YOU.... YOU THOUGHTLESS REPUBLICANS, YOU!!
BIG "T"
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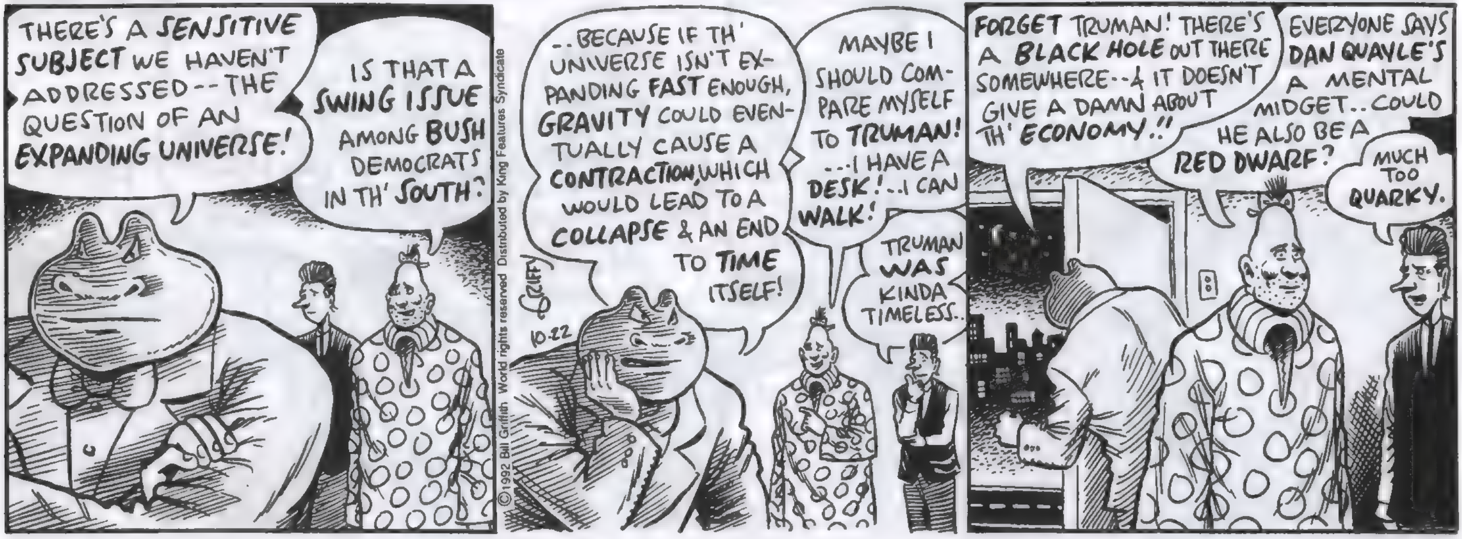
MOMMY, IS DADDY GOING TO BE PRESIDENT?
IN HIS MIND, FUELROD, DADDY WILL ALWAYS BE PRESIDENT..
SHOULD I BEGIN ROLLING EGGS ON TH' WHITE HOUSE LAWN YET?

ZIPPY "THE BANG STOPS HERE" BILL GRIFFITH


THERE'S A SENSITIVE SUBJECT WE HAVEN'T ADDRESSED--THE QUESTION OF AN EXPANDING UNIVERSE!
IS THAT A SWING ISSUE AMONG BUSH DEMOCRATS IN TH' SOUTH?
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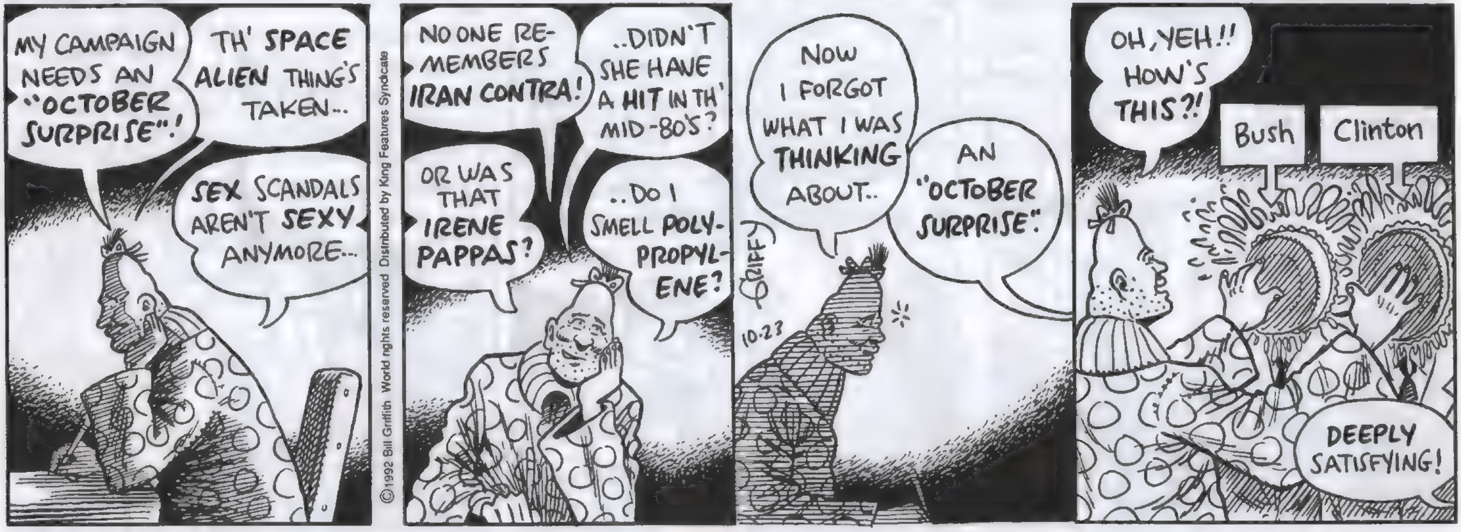
..BECAUSE IF TH' UNIVERSE ISN'T EXPANDING FAST ENOUGH, GRAVITY COULD EVENTUALLY CAUSE A CONTRACTION, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A COLLAPSE & AN END TO TIME ITSELF!
MAYBE I SHOULD COMPARE MYSELF TO TRUMAN! ..I HAVE A DESK! ..I CAN WALK!
TRUMAN WAS KINDA TIMELESS..
GRIFFY
10-22
FORGET TRUMAN! THERE'S A BLACK HOLE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE--& IT DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT TH' ECONOMY!!
EVERYONE SAYS DAN QUAYLE'S A MENTAL MIDGET.. COULD HE ALSO BE A RED DWARF?
MUCH TOO QUARKY.

ZIPPY "IN THE SWEET PIE AND PIE" BILL GRIFFITH


MY CAMPAIGN NEEDS AN "OCTOBER SURPRISE"!
TH' SPACE ALIEN THING'S TAKEN..
SEX SCANDALS AREN'T SEXY ANYMORE..
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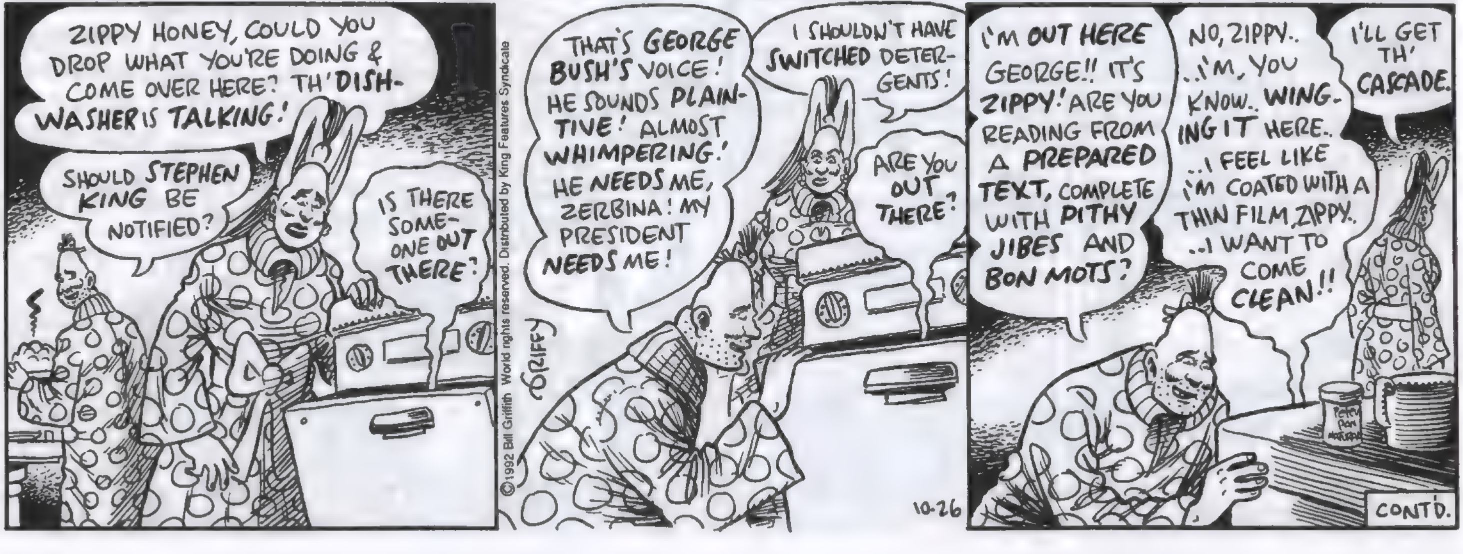
NO ONE REMEMBERS IRAN CONTRA!
..DIDN'T SHE HAVE A HIT IN TH' MID-80'S?
OR WAS THAT IRENE PAPPAS?
..DO I SMELL POLYPROPYLENE?
GRIFFY
10-23
NOW I FORGOT WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT..
AN "OCTOBER SURPRISE".
OH, YEH!! HOW'S THIS?!
Bush
Clinton
DEEPLY SATISFYING!

ZIPPY "KITCHEN DEBATE" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY HONEY, COULD YOU DROP WHAT YOU'RE DOING & COME OVER HERE? TH' DISHWASHER IS TALKING!
SHOULD STEPHEN KING BE NOTIFIED?
IS THERE SOMEONE OUT THERE?
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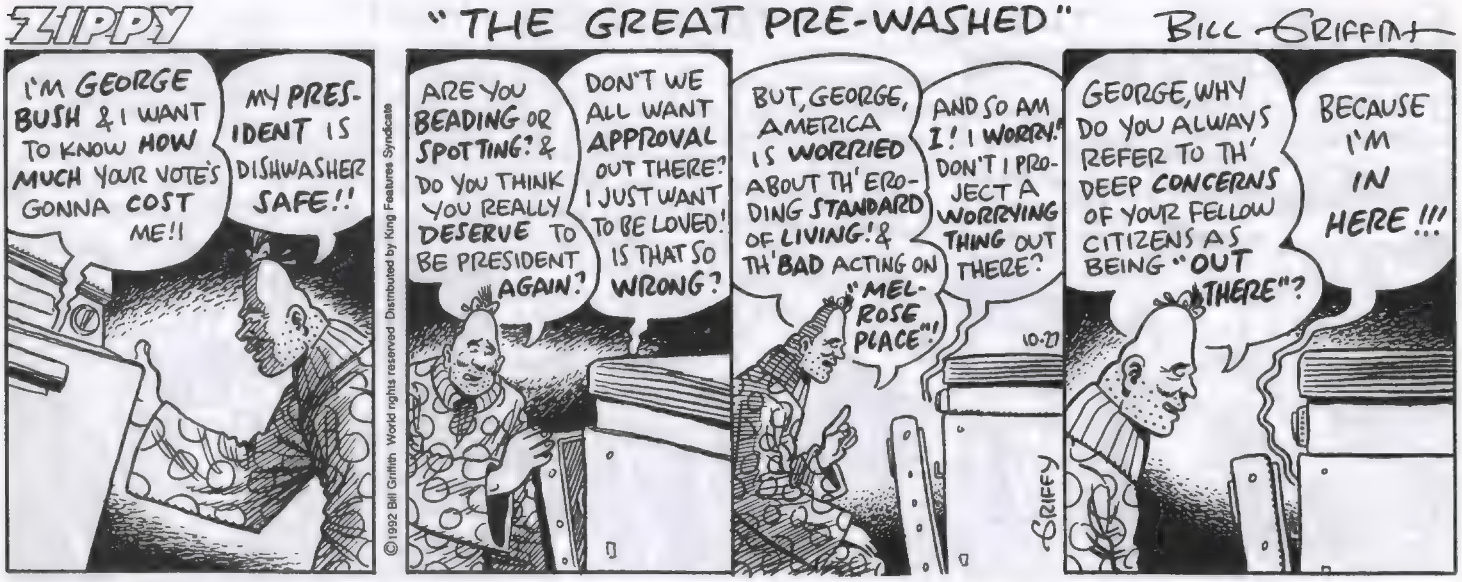
GRIFFY
THAT'S GEORGE BUSH'S VOICE! HE SOUNDS PLAINTIVE! ALMOST WHIMPERING! HE NEEDS ME, ZERBINA! MY PRESIDENT NEEDS ME!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SWITCHED DETERGENTS!
ARE YOU OUT THERE?
10-26
I'M OUT HERE GEORGE!! IT'S ZIPPY! ARE YOU READING FROM A PREPARED TEXT, COMPLETE WITH PITHY JIBES AND BON MOTS?
NO, ZIPPY.. ..I'M, YOU KNOW.. WINGING IT HERE.. ..I FEEL LIKE I'M COATED WITH A THIN FILM, ZIPPY.. ..I WANT TO COME CLEAN!!
I'LL GET TH' CASCADE.
CONT'D.


ZIPPY
"THE GREAT PRE-WASHED"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M GEORGE BUSH & I WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR VOTE'S GONNA COST ME!!
MY PRESIDENT IS DISHWASHER SAFE!!
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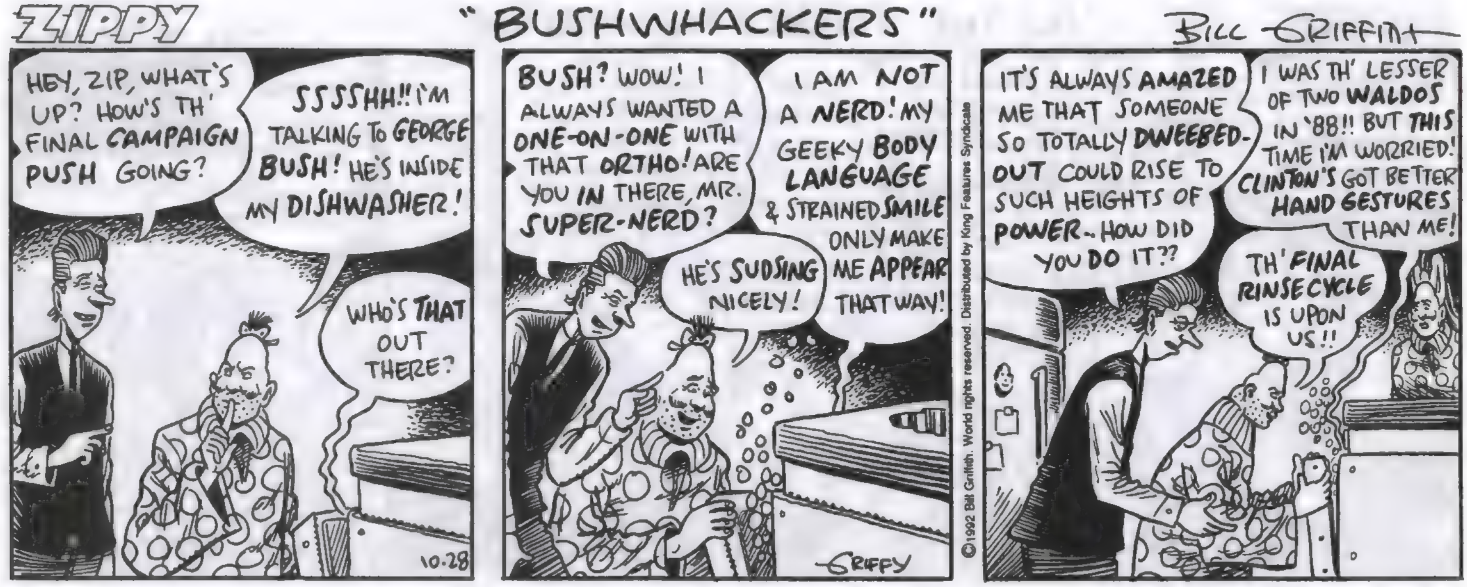
ARE YOU BEADING OR SPOTTING? & DO YOU THINK YOU REALLY DESERVE TO BE PRESIDENT AGAIN?
DON'T WE ALL WANT APPROVAL OUT THERE? I JUST WANT TO BE LOVED! IS THAT SO WRONG?
BUT, GEORGE, AMERICA IS WORRIED ABOUT TH' ERODING STANDARD OF LIVING! & TH' BAD ACTING ON "MELROSE PLACE"!
AND SO AM I! I WORRY! DON'T I PROJECT A WORRYING THING OUT THERE?
10-27
GRIFFY
GEORGE, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS REFER TO TH' DEEP CONCERNS OF YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AS BEING "OUT THERE"?
BECAUSE I'M IN HERE!!!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"BUSHWHACKERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, ZIP, WHAT'S UP? HOW'S TH' FINAL CAMPAIGN PUSH GOING?
SSSSHH!! I'M TALKING TO GEORGE BUSH! HE'S INSIDE MY DISHWASHER!
WHO'S THAT OUT THERE?
10-28
BUSH? WOW! I ALWAYS WANTED A ONE-ON-ONE WITH THAT ORTHO! ARE YOU IN THERE, MR. SUPER-NERD?
I AM NOT A NERD! MY GEEKY BODY LANGUAGE & STRAINED SMILE ONLY MAKE ME APPEAR THAT WAY!
HE'S SUDSING NICELY!
GRIFFY
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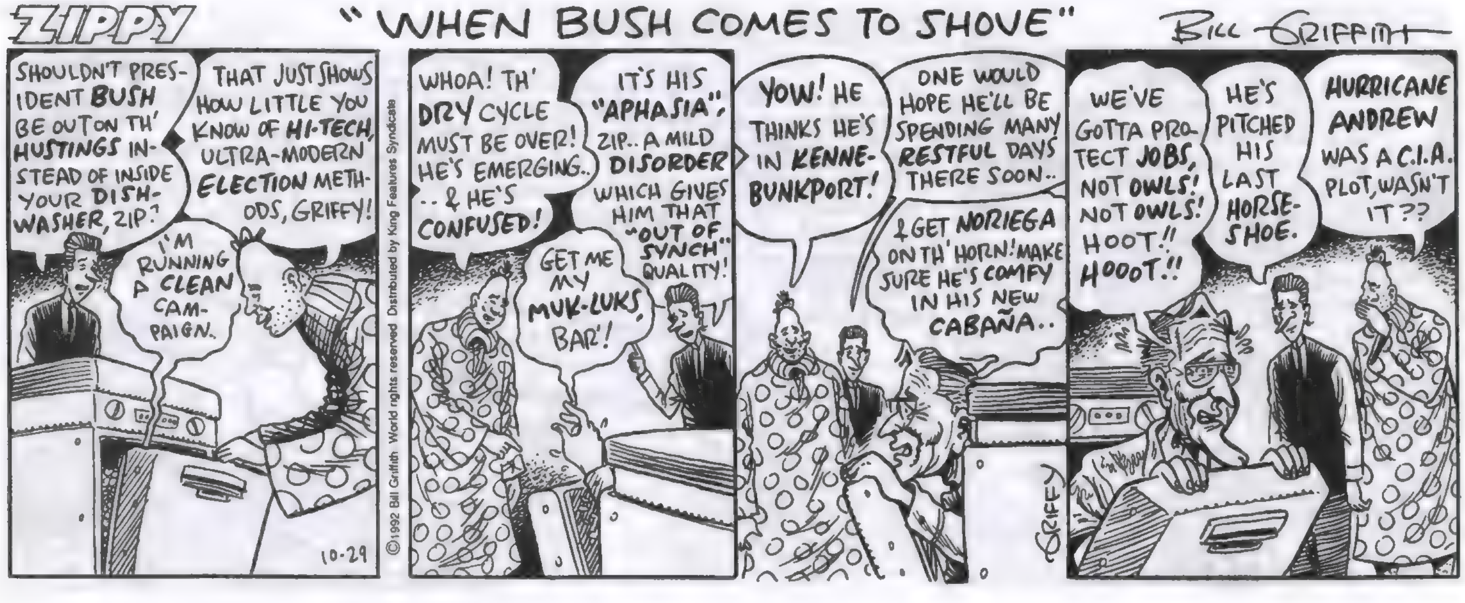
IT'S ALWAYS AMAZED ME THAT SOMEONE SO TOTALLY DWEEBED-OUT COULD RISE TO SUCH HEIGHTS OF POWER.. HOW DID YOU DO IT??
I WAS TH' LESSER OF TWO WALDOS IN '88!! BUT THIS TIME I'M WORRIED! CLINTON'S GOT BETTER HAND GESTURES THAN ME!
TH' FINAL RINSE CYCLE IS UPON US!!


ZIPPY
"WHEN BUSH COMES TO SHOVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHOULDN'T PRESIDENT BUSH BE OUT ON TH' HUSTINGS INSTEAD OF INSIDE YOUR DISHWASHER, ZIP?
THAT JUST SHOWS HOW LITTLE YOU KNOW OF HI-TECH, ULTRA-MODERN ELECTION METHODS, GRIFFY!
I'M RUNNING A CLEAN CAMPAIGN.
10-29
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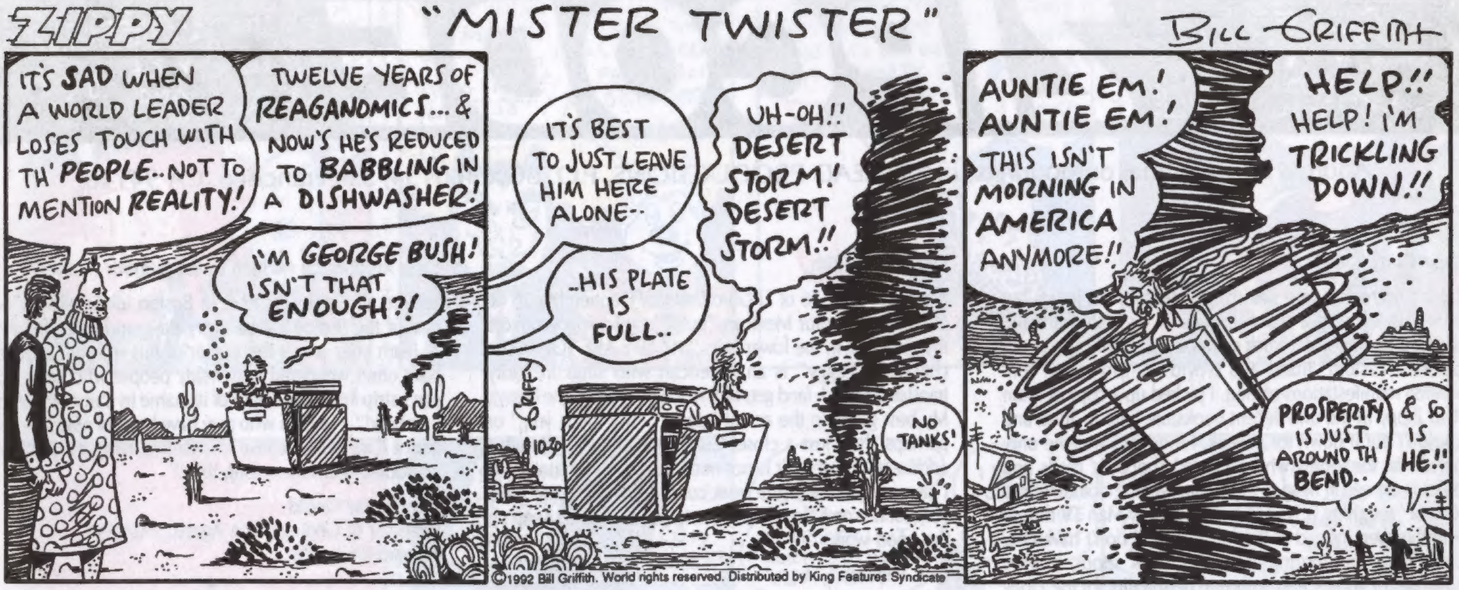
WHOA! TH' DRY CYCLE MUST BE OVER! HE'S EMERGING.. .. & HE'S CONFUSED!
IT'S HIS "APHASIA", ZIP.. A MILD DISORDER WHICH GIVES HIM THAT "OUT OF SYNCH" QUALITY!
GET ME MY MUK-LUKS, BAR!
YOW! HE THINKS HE'S IN KENNEBUNKPORT!
ONE WOULD HOPE HE'LL BE SPENDING MANY RESTFUL DAYS THERE SOON..
& GET NORIEGA ON TH' HORN! MAKE SURE HE'S COMFY IN HIS NEW CABAÑA..
GRIFFY
WE'VE GOTTA PROTECT JOBS, NOT OWLS! NOT OWLS! HOOT!! HOOOT!!
HE'S PITCHED HIS LAST HORSESHOE.
HURRICANE ANDREW WAS A C.I.A. PLOT, WASN'T IT??


ZIPPY
"MISTER TWISTER"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S SAD WHEN A WORLD LEADER LOSES TOUCH WITH TH' PEOPLE..NOT TO MENTION REALITY!
TWELVE YEARS OF REAGANOMICS...& NOW'S HE'S REDUCED TO BABBLING IN A DISHWASHER!
I'M GEORGE BUSH! ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?!
IT'S BEST TO JUST LEAVE HIM HERE ALONE--
..HIS PLATE IS FULL..
UH-OH!! DESERT STORM! DESERT STORM!!
GRIFFY 10-30
NO TANKS!
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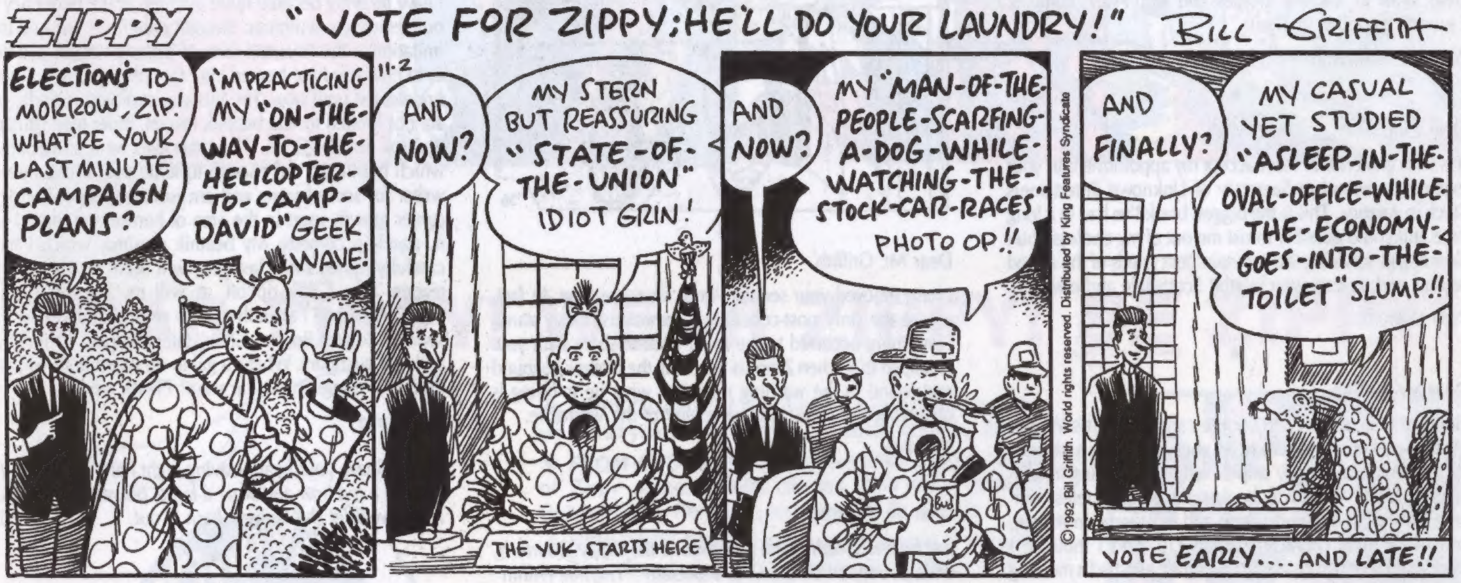
AUNTIE EM! AUNTIE EM! THIS ISN'T MORNING IN AMERICA ANYMORE!!
HELP!! HELP! I'M TRICKLING DOWN!!
PROSPERITY IS JUST AROUND TH' BEND..
& SO IS HE!!


ZIPPY
"VOTE FOR ZIPPY; HE'LL DO YOUR LAUNDRY!"
BILL GRIFFITH
ELECTION'S TOMORROW, ZIP! WHAT'RE YOUR LAST MINUTE CAMPAIGN PLANS?
I'M PRACTICING MY "ON-THE-WAY-TO-THE-HELICOPTER-TO-CAMP-DAVID" GEEK WAVE!
11-2
AND NOW?
MY STERN BUT REASSURING "STATE-OF-THE-UNION" IDIOT GRIN!
THE YUK STARTS HERE
AND NOW?
MY "MAN-OF-THE-PEOPLE-SCARFING-A-DOG-WHILE-WATCHING-THE-STOCK-CAR-RACES" PHOTO OP!!
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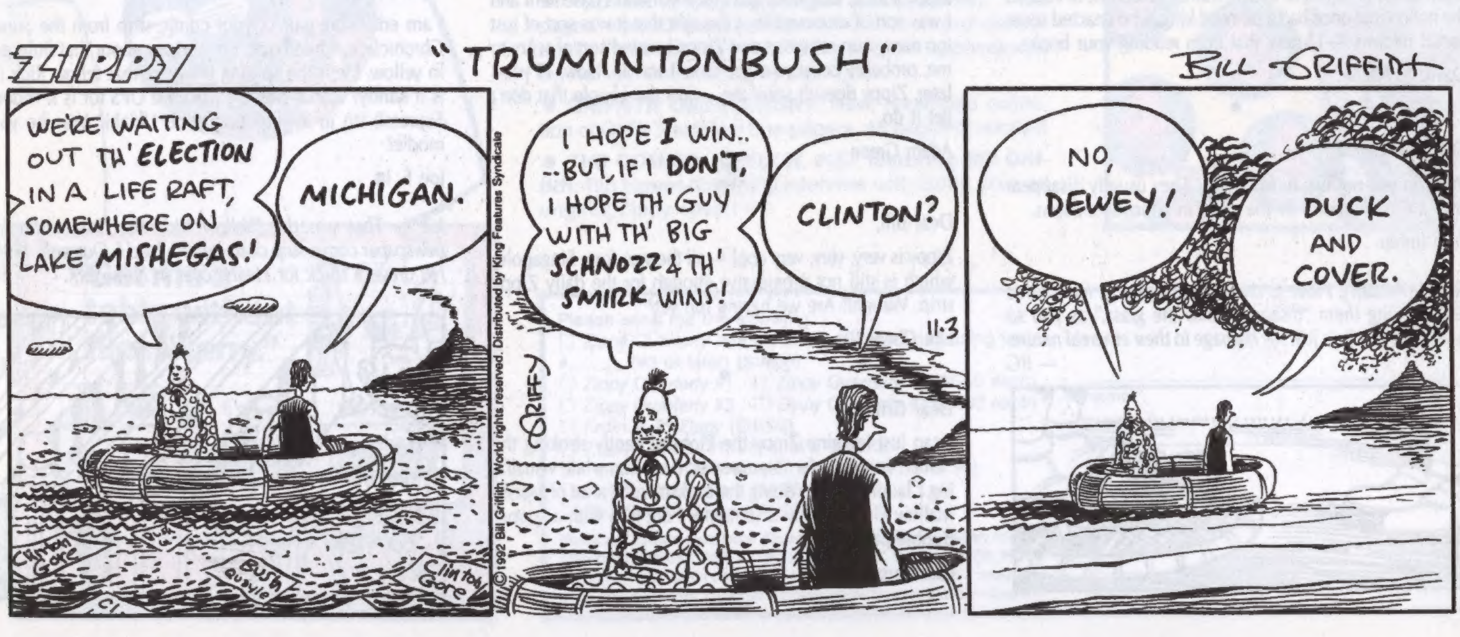
AND FINALLY?
MY CASUAL YET STUDIED "ASLEEP-IN-THE-OVAL-OFFICE-WHILE-THE-ECONOMY-GOES-INTO-THE-TOILET" SLUMP!!
VOTE EARLY.... AND LATE!!


ZIPPY
"TRUMINTONBUSH"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'RE WAITING OUT TH' ELECTION IN A LIFE RAFT, SOMEWHERE ON LAKE MISHEGAS!
MICHIGAN.
Clinton Gore
Bush Quayle
Clinton Gore
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I HOPE I WIN.. ..BUT, IF I DON'T, I HOPE TH' GUY WITH TH' BIG SCHNOZZ & TH' SMIRK WINS!
GRIFFY
CLINTON?
11-3
NO, DEWEY!
DUCK AND COVER.

ZIPCODE

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Dear Griffy,

I don't normally write slavish, goggle-eyed fan letters but here it is. I live in a city notorious for its high "dirtball" quota, where monster truck shows, acrylic ball caps, neon-painted "custom" trucks and Lynyrd Skynyrd are all considered manifestations of God. I picked up a copy of *From A to Zippy* in the one decent bookstore here in Tulsa and couldn't put it down for a week. I thought I was the only person in the world who abhorred shopping malls and poseurs dressed in head-to-toe outdoorsy type clothes whose idea of "roughing it" is popping a Hungry Man TV dinner into the oven instead of the microwave. (I don't have one, either.) So I'm scouring the comic book shops, braving advances by adolescents with zero personality, for the *Zippy Quarterly*, and refusing to see *Home Alone*. Thanks for tossing a lifeline into a sea of big hair, Spandex neon exercise wear worn as evening clothes and wet T-shirt contests. Sawaddi (goodbye in Thai).

Amie E. Vongvisith

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Dear Zippy,

It is with great honor that I accept my appointment to your expanded cabinet as Secretary of Unknown Entertainers Stuck in Arizona. This is the biggest break I've had in a long time and could possibly thrust me out of my endless hotel tuxedo gigs servicing the entertainment needs of the retired seniors and tourists who inhabit Scottsdale and environs.

Rich Howard

•

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Hello! You are my second favorite cartoonist, after Winsor McKay and before Watterson. So cheer up! Here is my idea for a series of your Zippy strips: Well, I was reading *Insatiability* by S.I. Witkacy, which takes place in a timeless wartime Poland, and is quite deep and existential in its way, and has a main character named Zip. And I thought, I wonder if these two characters ever met, and had a meeting of the zips, had high-level words, and came to the statement of some new and classic truths? Poland is, of course, the nation that once had a pinhead king, who enacted some social reforms — I know that from reading your books.

David L. Nicol

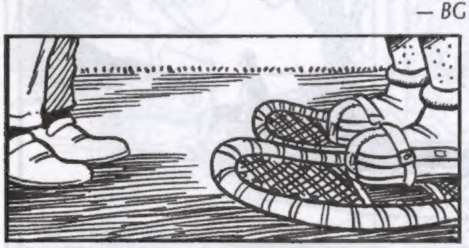
•

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Why do you not like to draw feet? They usually disappear into the background or the grass in your illustrations.

Tom Imber

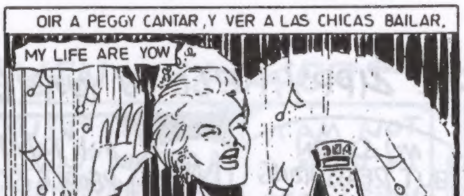
Tom — Actually, I love to draw feet. Big, puffy, foam-filled feet. Having them "disappear into the grass," as you so poetically put it, is just my homage to their ethereal nature. — BG



Dear Mr. Griffith,

A copy of page 56 of *El Libro Pasional* (Septiembre 26 de 1988), an all color Mexican "pulp" comic, follows. Note the dialogue in the lower box, "MY LIFE ARE YOW." The character "Peggy" is an American who sings in badly translated English (and gets hers in the final frame, the hussy). My best guess to the actual intent is "My life is you," or perhaps she's just a closet Zippy fan. Actually, though I admire your comic, it is not necessarily my favorite. I find I also get great pleasure from comics that make me irate. For that reason I always turn first to *Family Circus*. Keep up the good work.

Paul Melanson


OIR A PEGGY CANTAR ,Y VER A LAS CHICAS BAILAR.
MY LIFE ARE YOW
56

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I have enjoyed your seminal work for some time. In fact, you're the only post-conceptual semiotician I can stand. Something occurred to me that I want to share with you. I realized that when Zippy is watching the clothes go round and round in the washing machine, what he is doing is observing the ineluctible mordality of the washable.

Tom Erik

•

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Just finished reading the first issue of the *Zippy Quarterly*, which I very much enjoyed, especially "The Pin Within" and "The Angriest Pinhead in Hell." I first encountered Zippy a long, long time ago in some friend's basement and I was sort of unmoved for I thought that it was sort of just too many non-sequiturs and Zippy seemed sort of scary to me, probably because at the time I was 12. Now, 15 years later, Zippy doesn't scare me — just the people that don't get it do.

Adam Green

•

Dear Bill,

Zippy is very, very, very cool — all the way from Singapore, which is still not progressive enough for the daily Zippy strip. Waugh!! Are we having fun yet?

Lim Cheng Tju

•

Dear Griffy,

I can just imagine Zippy the Pinhead gently stroking the "Linen Texture" of a "Styroweave" 8 oz. cup while visualizing Claudia Schiffer doing the backstroke in a vat of Marshmallow Fluffo! Zippy is ultra-hip. I dig him with a spoon. Bubble-packed!

Constance Moran

Dear Ms. Griffith (written to the author's mother),

We are all Zippy fans here in Boston (definitely the best part of the *Boston Globe* every day), and I am delighted to learn your son is the author of this marvellous strip. I have often wondered how many people who enjoy your son's strip know the origin of its name in Barnum's famous "pinhead" — a man who may have been of normal intelligence if we are to believe his putative dying words: "Well, we fooled them for a long time."

Stephen Jay Gould
Professor of Geology, The Agassiz Museum
Harvard University

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I have recently become quite alarmed at the frequency of our seemingly symbiotic thought patterns. I am told that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but am puzzled as to how you have tapped into my pithy corpus callosum undetected until now. The bits you explored include, but are not limited to: the beatnik revival, inner teen-ism and Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The latter two were consecutive, which frightened me enough to write you. I have been a writer for several years and am just now experiencing a career growth spurt in the area of humor and, dare I say it, stand-up comedy. My beatnik persona, which I have carefully honed since last year, will seem to some Zippy readers as a Griffy rip off, as will my bit about inner pubescence and I actually did go around all day one day saying, "Boutros Boutros-Ghali" (all pre-Zippy). I am miffed and in a quandary. What's a gal to do when both you and I think of things in similar ways? Please advise.

Trixi Burke

Trixi — Shave your head, leaving eight hairs at the top, tie them in a red bow and wear a large, polyester muu-muu. Then, we'll let the lawyers hash it out. — BG

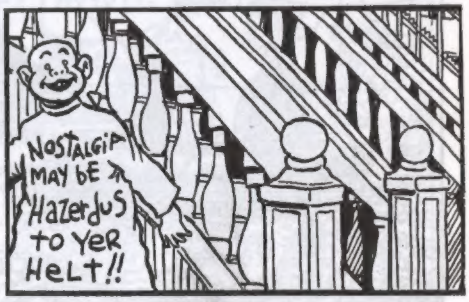
•

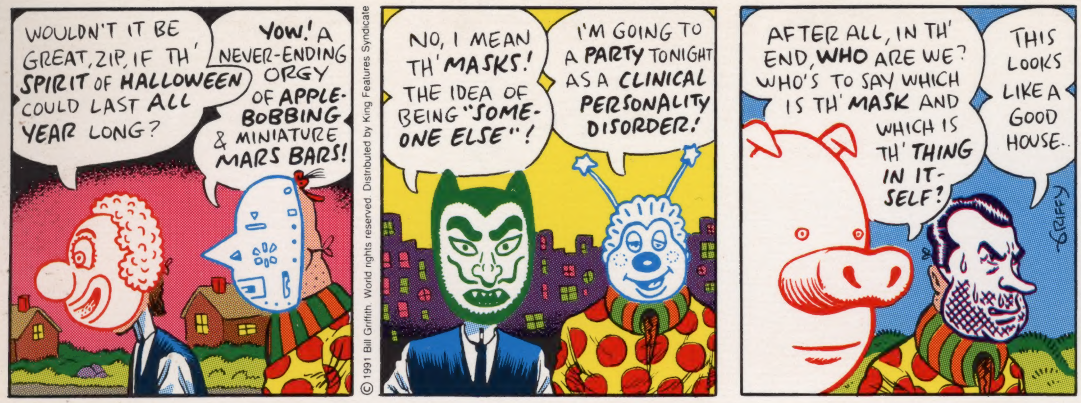
Dear Mr. Griffin,

I am enclosing part of your comic strip from the *Sundy Chronicle*, a while back. I'm curious about that little guy in yellow. He is the spitting image of that fellow Rick (or is it Randy) who drives the truck for UPS (or is it Federal Express?) up in Willits (or maybe Ukiah)? Was he your modle?

Joe E. Itt

Joe — That was the "Yellow Kid," the first continuing newspaper comic strip character (Richard F. Outcault, 1896). He drove a truck for Hearst over in New York. — BG


NOSTALGIA MAY BE HAZERDUS TO YER HELT!!


WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT, ZIP, IF TH' SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN COULD LAST ALL YEAR LONG?
YOW! A NEVER-ENDING ORGY OF APPLE-BOBBING & MINIATURE MARS BARS!
NO, I MEAN TH' MASKS! THE IDEA OF BEING "SOME-ONE ELSE"!
I'M GOING TO A PARTY TONIGHT AS A CLINICAL PERSONALITY DISORDER!
AFTER ALL, IN TH' END, WHO ARE WE? WHO'S TO SAY WHICH IS TH' MASK AND WHICH IS TH' THING IN IT-SELF?
THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD HOUSE..
GRIFFY
WE DON'T WANT ANY CANDY, MISTER!
WE JUST WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT TH' NATURE OF PERCEIVED REALITY!!

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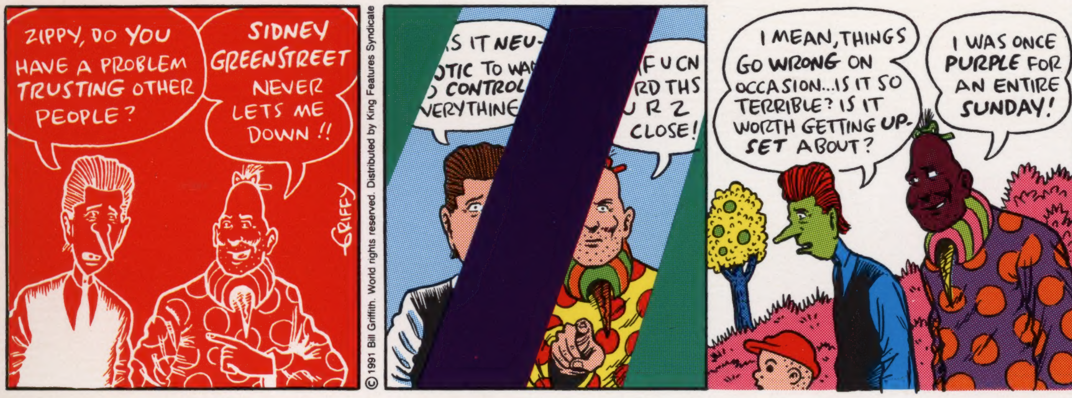
ZIPPY, DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM TRUSTING OTHER PEOPLE?
SIDNEY GREENSTREET NEVER LETS ME DOWN!!
GRIFFY
S IT NEU- OTIC TO WA D CONTROL VERYTHINE
F U CN RD THS U R 2 CLOSE!
I MEAN, THINGS GO WRONG ON OCCASION... IS IT SO TERRIBLE? IS IT WORTH GETTING UP-SET ABOUT?
I WAS ONCE PURPLE FOR AN ENTIRE SUNDAY!
AM I A "CONTROL FREAK", ZIPPY??
YES, BUT YOU DO LET GO ONCE IN A WHILE!!

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READ ZIPPY! WEAR ZIPPY! *BE* ZIPPY!

Zippy
FUN IS JUST A THREE-LETTER WORD!!
A MAN'S BRAIN IS IN INVERSE RATIO TO TH' SIZE OF HIS BELT BUCKLE!
ALIENATION IS PEACE!!

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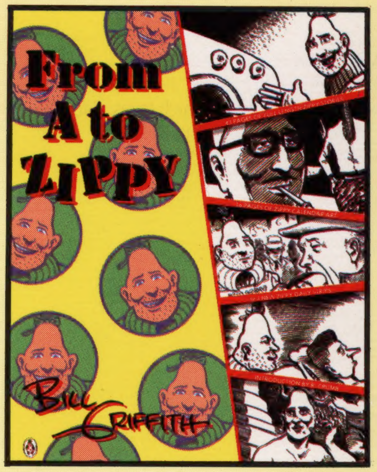
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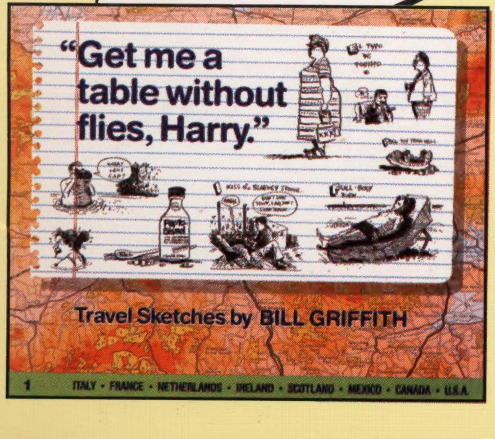
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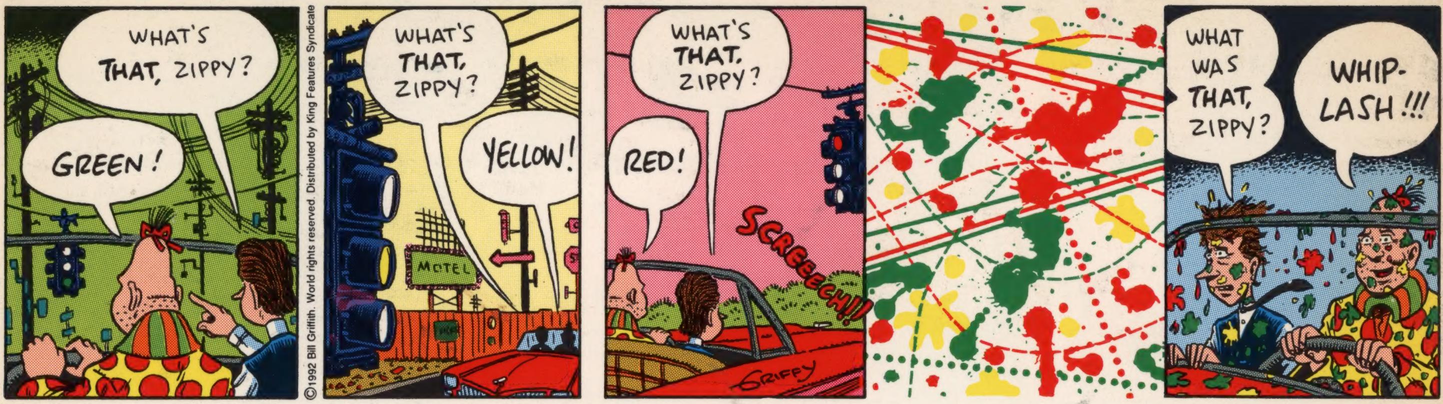
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WHAT'S THAT, ZIPPY?
YELLOW!
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WHAT'S THAT, ZIPPY?
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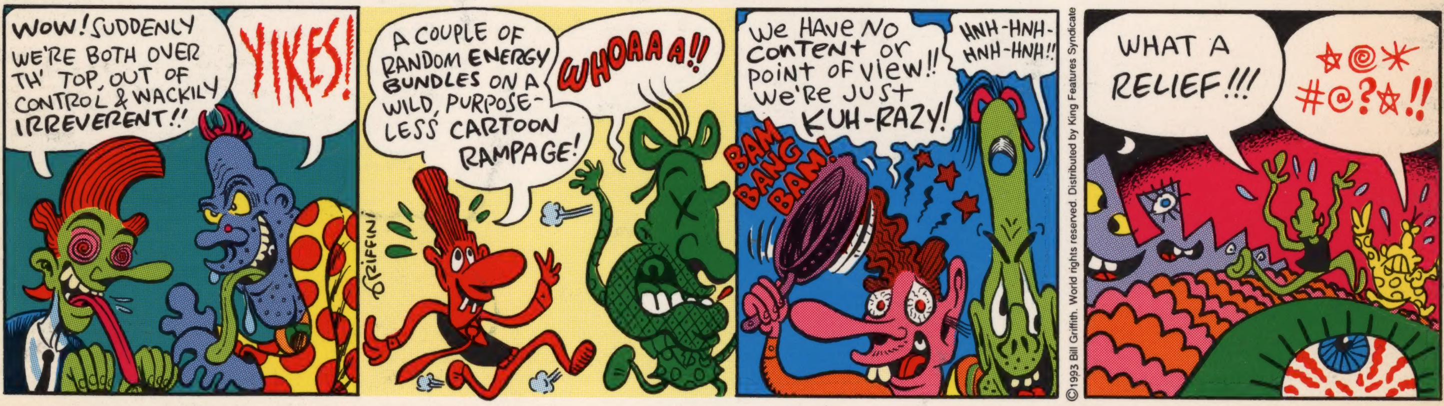
SCREEECH!!
GRIFFY
WHAT WAS THAT, ZIPPY?
WHIP-LASH!!!


WOW! SUDDENLY WE'RE BOTH OVER TH' TOP, OUT OF CONTROL & WACKILY IRREVERENT!!
YIKES!
A COUPLE OF RANDOM ENERGY BUNDLES ON A WILD, PURPOSELESS CARTOON RAMPAGE!
WHOAAA!!
GRIFFINI
We HAVE NO CONTENT or POINT OF VIEW!! WE'RE JUST KUH-RAZY!
HNH-HNH-HNH-HNH!!
BAM BANG BAM!
WHAT A RELIEF!!!
☆@✳ #@?☆!!
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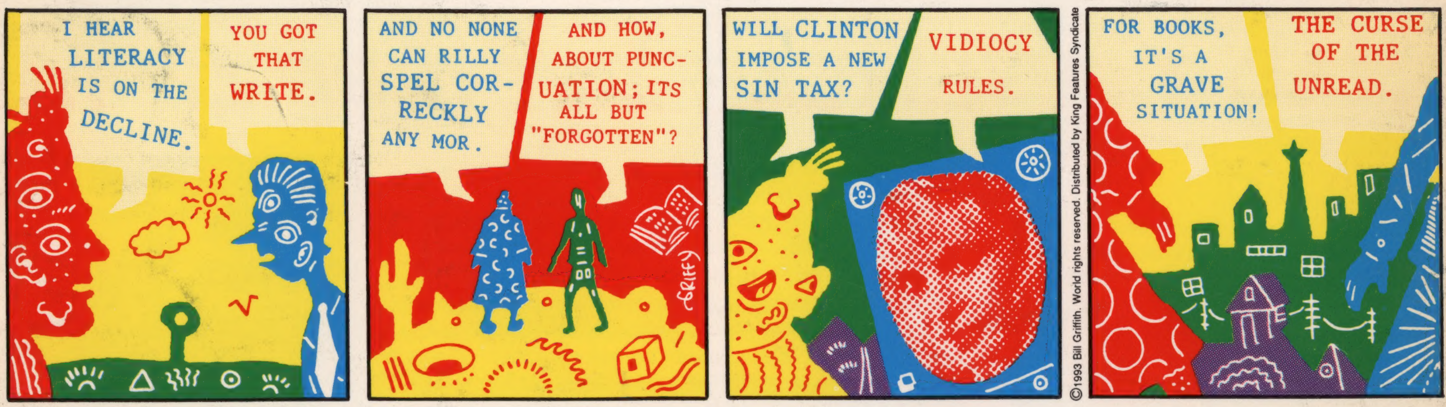
I HEAR LITERACY IS ON THE DECLINE.
YOU GOT THAT WRITE.
AND NO NONE CAN RILLY SPEL CORRECKLY ANY MOR.
AND HOW, ABOUT PUNCUATION; ITS ALL BUT "FORGOTTEN"?
GRIFFY
WILL CLINTON IMPOSE A NEW SIN TAX?
VIDIOCY RULES.
FOR BOOKS, IT'S A GRAVE SITUATION!
THE CURSE OF THE UNREAD.
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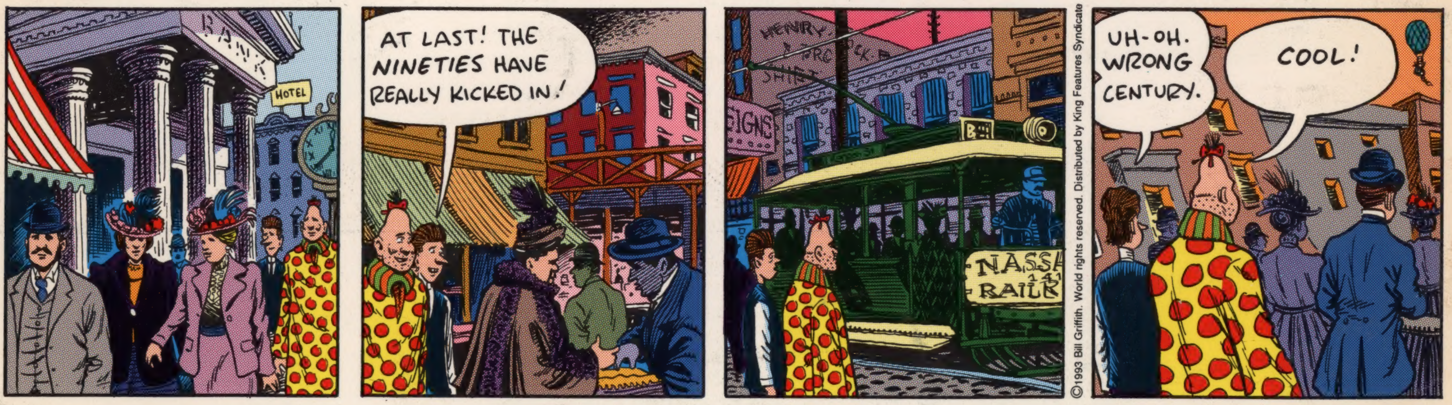
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HOTEL
AT LAST! THE NINETIES HAVE REALLY KICKED IN!
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COOL!

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